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'SUPERSTAR'

CHOSEN WRESTLER OF DECADE

... We demand a recount!

By ALAN KAMINSKY

"I can't believe this could happen," screamed an irate wrestling fan as his buddy shrugged his head. "Somebody should take action," they demanded. Yet, when all the ballots were tabulated, the results were as clear as day!

Superstar Billy Graham had won the wrestler of the decade award, the most prestigious award in all of wrestling.

But there's more to it than that. The reason he won the award was because of a technicality in the voting system.

Fifty of the nation's top wrestling experts were asked to secretly vote for who they felt were the five greatest wrestlers of the decade. Each wrestler they voted for received one point, regardless of whether he was voted for first, second, third, fourth, or fifth. Superstar Graham was named on more ballots (47) than any other wrestler, and for this reason he won the

distinction as the greatest wrestler of the 1970s.

However, this is not how voting is usually conducted. In all other sports, a first-place vote is worth more than a second-place vote, and so on. If this had been the case, Superstar Graham would not have won rather, Bruno Sammartino would have been wrestler of the decade instead. Let us take a careful look at how the votes were cast:

Wrestler	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	total votes
Superstar	2	5	5	23	12	47
Bruno Sammartino	39	3	3	1	0	46
Dusty Rhodes	5	19	16	0	4	44
Pedro Morales	2	10	10	7	10	39
Harley Race	1	3	3	4	9	20
Nick Bockwinkel	0	5	2	2	7	16
Ivan Koloff	1	2	5	7	2	17
Mil Mascaras	0	3	6	5	0	14
Andre the Giant	0	0	0	1	1	2
Jack Brisco	0	0	0	0	2	2
Bob Backlund	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dick The Bruiser	0	0	0	0	1	1
The Mighty Igor	0	0	0	0	1	1

One can clearly see that if the voting had been done in the usual manner, Bruno Sammartino (and even Dusty Rhodes) would have easily outpolled the Superstar. As it is, Graham was barely able to sneak his way into the top position with a cluster of fourth and fifth-place votes.

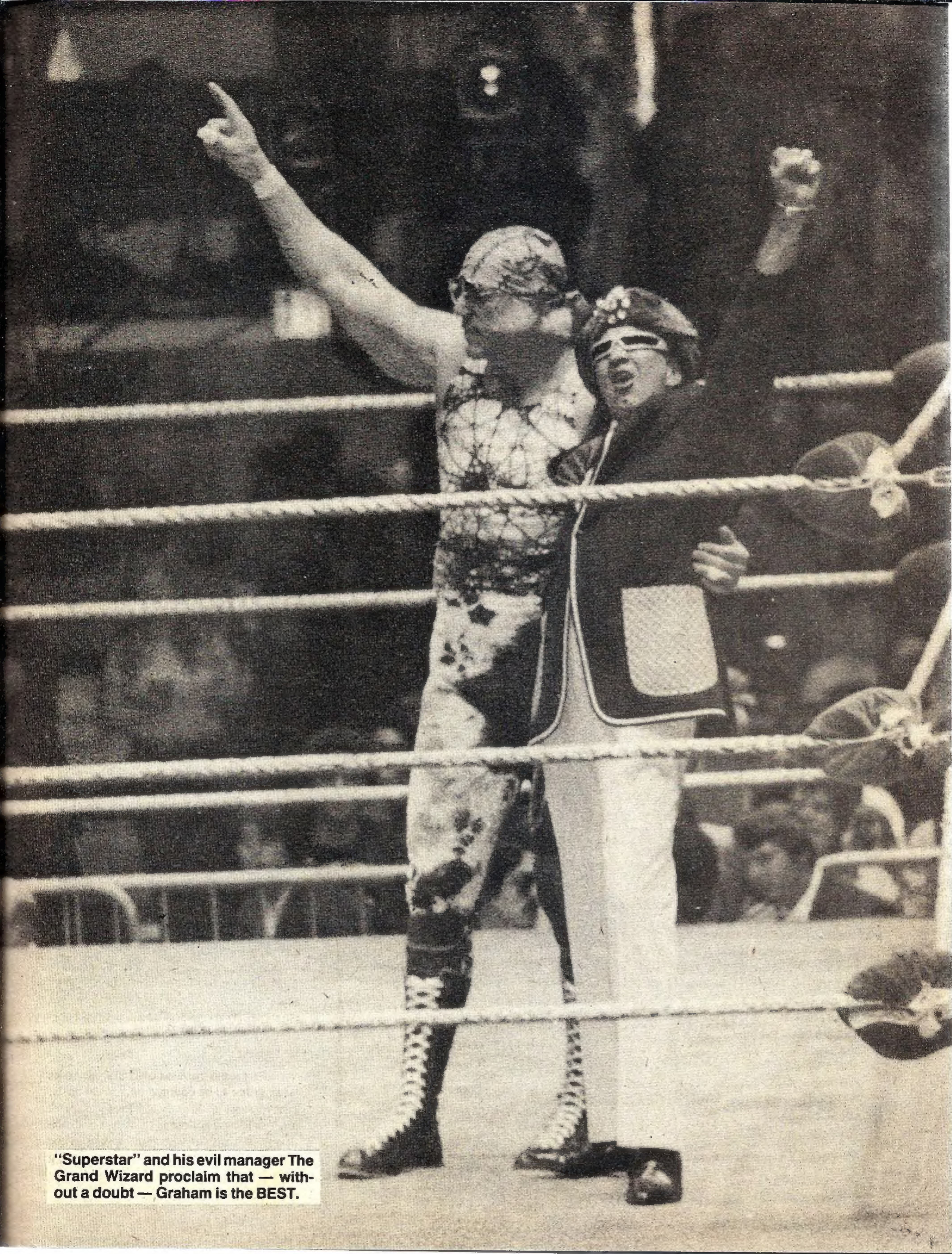
"I wouldn't be at all surprised if Graham had something to do with the way the voting was done," said one top wrestler who asked to remain anonymous. "He knew Bruno would get more first-place votes so he probably had this whole system arranged."

"Who ever heard of giving as much credit for a third, fourth, or fifth-place vote as for a first-place vote? It's ridiculous! Graham doesn't deserve the award. I know he was mixed up in this thing in one way or another."

Superstar Graham vehemently denies all the charges made against him. "I'm the greatest, daddy," he says. "I pinned Sammartino and took his title away from him. I deserve the award. I'm not only the greatest wrestler of the '70s, but I'm the greatest wrestler of all time. When do they give that award out, incidentally because I'm sure to win that one too."

Whether or not he is the greatest is a matter of personal opinion. More important, at least for right now, is how the supervisors of the contest allowed the voting to be conducted under such suspicious conditions.

"If I would have known that all votes were going to be counted on an equal basis, I never would have voted for Graham at all," said Louis Greene of New York, one of the 50 experts who participated in the voting. "I feel very upset that such a thing could have happened. Graham doesn't deserve the award."



"Superstar" and his evil manager The Grand Wizard proclaim that — without a doubt — Graham is the BEST.

"I think the ballots should be retabulated under the more appropriate point-value system," said Charles S. Novak, another of the voters who was clearly upset at the results. "Sure, I vote for the Superstar, because he belongs in the top five. But I never expected him to actually win. I thought the best he'd do would be to come in fourth, or maybe even third. But I never even gave him a chance at winning."

The organization which conducted the balloting was reluctant to comment on the strange voting procedures, but they did deny that Superstar had anything to do with the selection of that method of vote-counting.

"We felt that counting all votes as equal would be the fairest way to conduct the election. Superstar Graham did not influence our decision in any manner," said Joe Leonelli, a representative of the election committee.

However, various sources claim to have seen Leonelli eating lunch with the Superstar about two weeks before the election took place. "Graham and I are just old friends," said Leonelli when confronted with the accusation. "That's all there is to it."

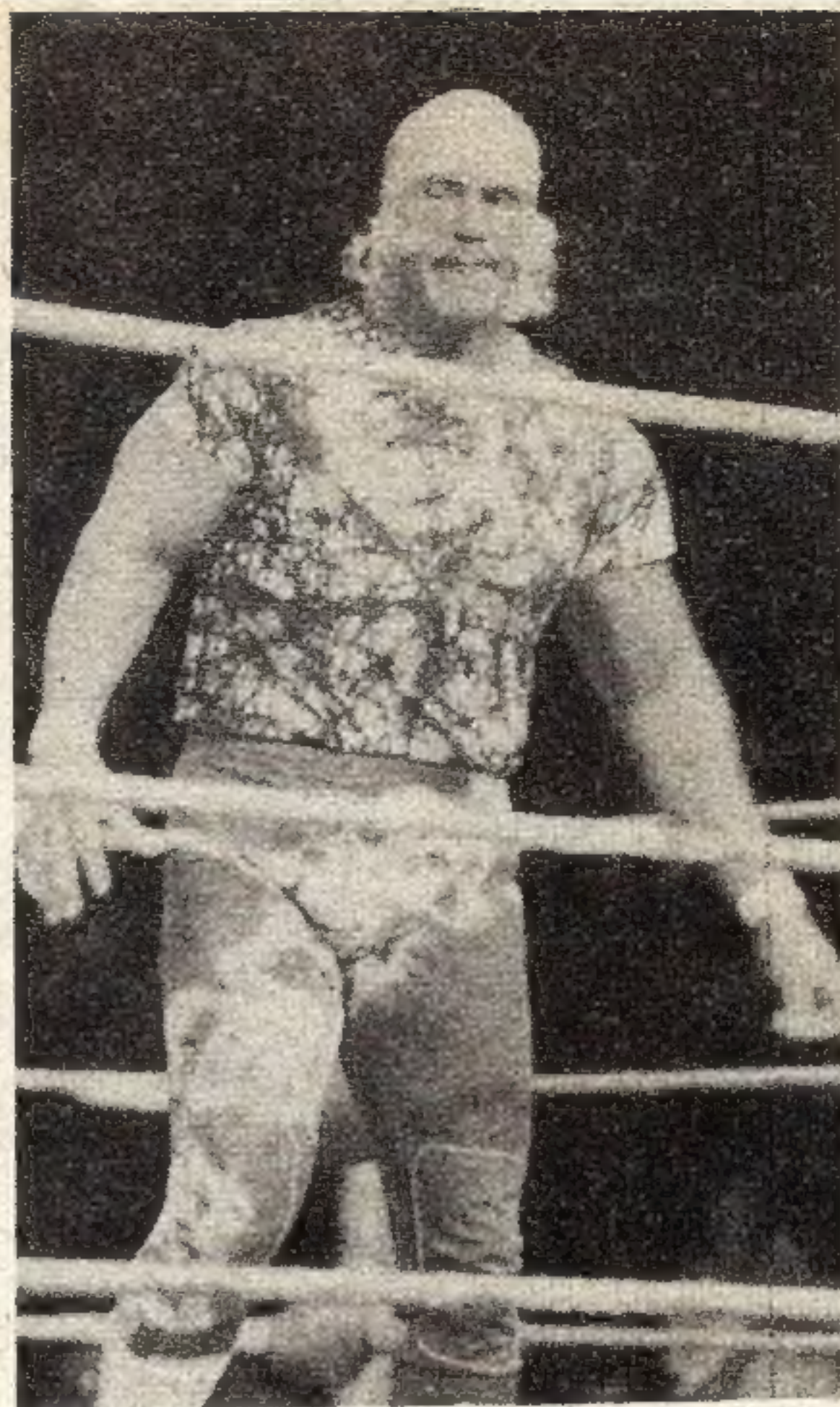
We, the editors of Wrestling Revue, have decided to launch a full investigation into this matter to determine why the voting was done in such an odd manner. There can be no denying that the particular system used gave Superstar Graham a tremendous advantage. Quite conceivably, he never would have won had a different method been used — or had the voters been fully informed as to the method of scoring their votes.

We will check this out thoroughly and if we come across any suspicious findings, we will demand that a recount — or even a new balloting — be made as soon as possible.

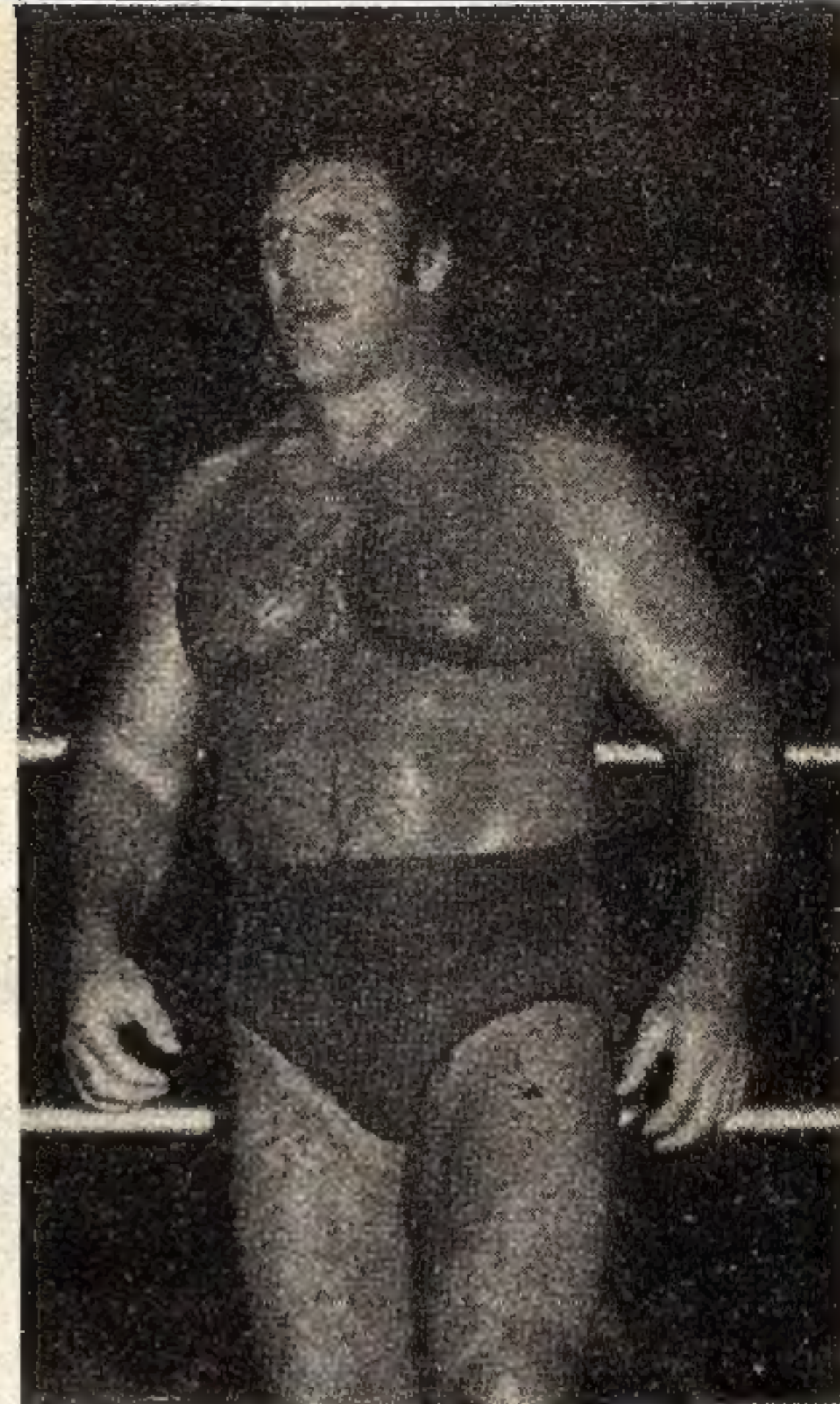
Sure, Billy Graham is a tremendous wrestler, and he admittedly is *one* of the greatest wrestlers of the 1970s. But we want to make sure that the prestigious award of 'wrestler of the decade' be made to the wrestler most deserving, not just someone who won on a technicality.

For now, however, it looks like we will have to accept the fact that Superstar Billy Graham is the 'wrestler of the decade.' "You better believe it," says Graham. "I'm the greatest — and now it's official." So it is... at least for now! □

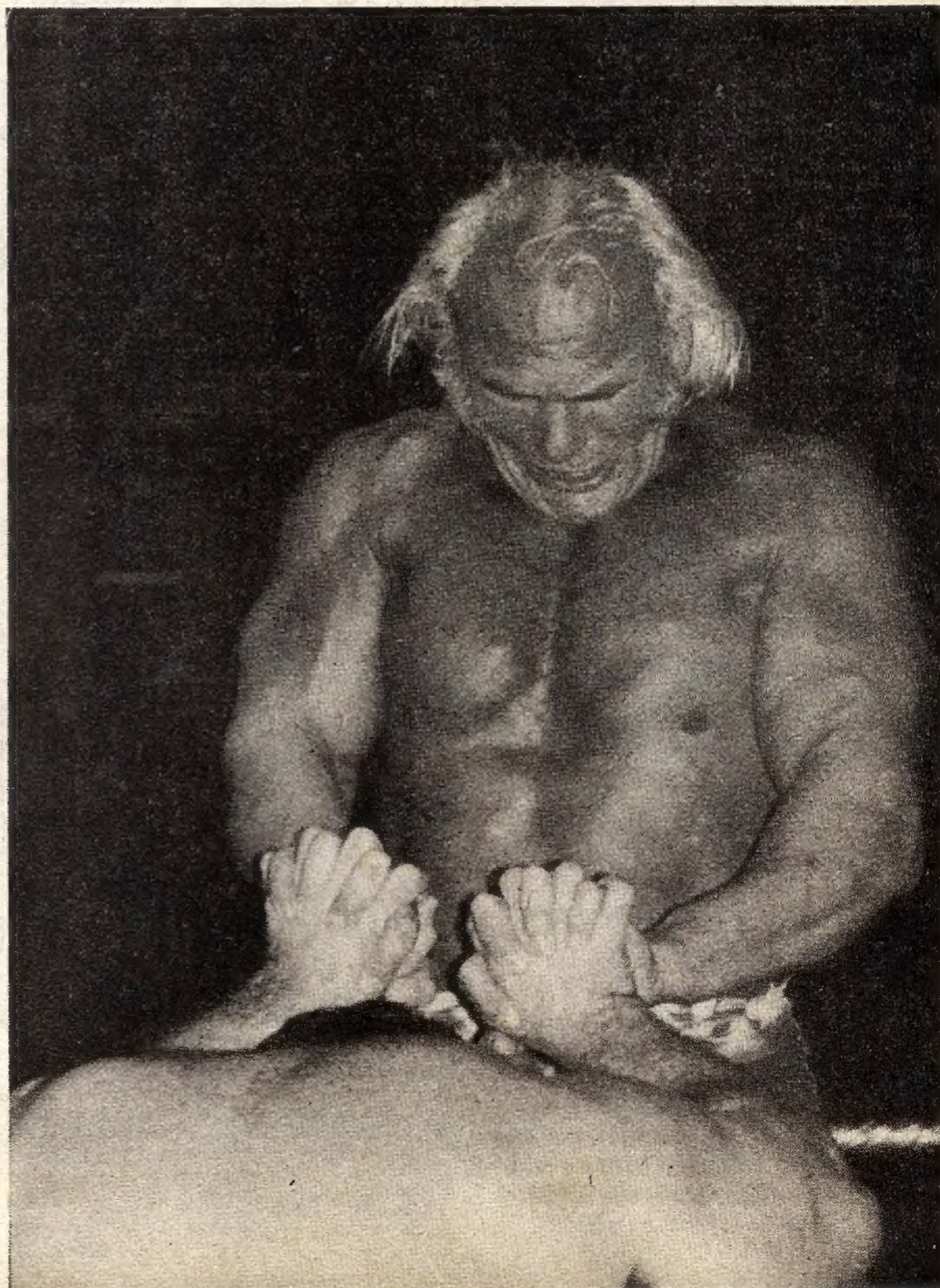
Once again, Graham has the last laugh — for now! ➤



Graham says he proved he was the best when he defeated Bruno Sammartino.



Sammartino outpolled Graham by 37 first-place votes, but still ended up in second place.



wrestling revue ratings

Wrestling Revue ratings are derived, working in conjunction with Rasslin' Wonders and On the Mat Publications, from overall performance records of wrestlers as well as recent performance records. Great care has been taken to analyze results from the world over. These are thus the most thorough ratings released by any wrestling publication and are regarded universally as official.

MAJOR ORGANIZATION CHAMPIONS

National Wrestling Alliance —

Harley Race

World Wrestling Federation —

Bob Backlund

American Wrestling Alliance —

Nick Bockwinkel

National Wrestling Federation —

Antonio Inoki

World League Wrestling —

Lars Anderson

The Challengers, in order of ranking:

1. Bruno Sammartino
2. Dusty Rhodes
3. Andre The Giant
4. Mil Mascaras
5. Pat Patterson
6. The Bruiser
7. Superstar Billy Graham
8. Spyros Arion
9. Jack Brisco
10. Buddy Rogers
11. Giant Baba
12. Billy Robinson
13. Mike Graham
14. Verne Gagne
15. The Shiek
16. Ken Patera
17. Terry Funk
18. Hulk Hogan
19. Ivan Koloff
20. Bill Watts
21. Ed Carpentier
22. Don Leo Jonathan
23. Ernie Ladd
24. Ray Stevens
25. Paul Jones
26. Ric Flair
27. Dory Funk Jr.
28. Dick Murdoch

29. Bruiser Brody
30. Ivan Putski
31. Thunderbolt Patterson
32. Ricky Steamboat
33. Tommy Rich
34. Steve Kiem
35. Jacques Goulet
36. Jerry Brisco
37. Ole Anderson
38. Greg Valentine
39. Roddy Piper
40. The Crusher
41. Mark Lewin
42. Pepper Gomez
43. Tiger Jeet Singh
44. Wahoo McDaniel
45. Mighty Igor
46. The Superstar
47. Jumbo Tsuruta
48. Gene Kiniski

49. Mad Dog Vachon
50. Les Thornton
51. Kevin Von Erich
52. Pat O'Connor
53. Cowboy Bob Ellis
54. Toru Tanaka
55. Dick Slater
56. Dr. Jerry Graham
57. Jim Brunzell
58. Great Hussain Arab
59. Greg Gagne
60. Killer Karl Kox
61. Dino Bravo
62. Jerry Lawler
63. Luis Martinez
64. Rocky Johnson
65. Bobo Brazil
66. Davy O'Hannon
67. Fred Curry
68. Ox Baker
69. Chavo Guerro
70. Jim Garvin
71. King Curtis
72. The Big Bad O
73. Tony Atlas
74. Tito Santanna
75. Don Muraco
76. David Von Erich

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Tito Santanna and Ivan Putski, rated no. 9 among the tagteams.

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77. Ray Candy
78. Ron Miller
79. Chris Markoff
80. Bob Duncum
81. Larry Sharpe
82. Peter Maivia
83. Bulldog Brower
84. Gene Anderson
85. Haystacks Calhoun
86. Bad New Alan Cooage
87. Victor Rivera
88. Austin Idol
89. Alexis Smirnoff
90. Tony Marino
91. Stan Hansen
92. Great Goliath
93. Strong Kobiyashi
94. Kerry Von Erich

95. Lord Al Hayes
96. Larry Zbyszko
97. Killer Kahn
98. Mr. Wrestling II
99. Buddy Rose
100. Chief Jay Strongbow

THE TOP TAG-TEAMS

1. Dusty Rhodes & Andre The Giant
2. The Samoans
3. Thunderbolt Patterson & Ole Anderson
4. Giant Baba & Jumbo Tsuruta
5. Antonio Inoki & Strong Kobiyashi
6. Jack & Jerry Brisco
7. Mike Graham & Steve Kiern
8. Jacques Goulet & Chris Markoff

9. Ivan Putski & Tito Santana
10. Dory Jr. & Terry Funk
11. Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon
12. Ivan Koloff & Alexis Smirnoff
13. Mark Lewin & The Spoiler
14. Paul Jones & Ricky Steamboat
15. Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell
16. Kevin & David Von Erich
17. Jerry Brown & Hartford Love
18. Mr. Sato & Mr. Saito
19. Jerry & Johnny Valiant
20. Dr. Jerry Graham & Jerry Jr.
21. Ricky Fields & Buzz Sawyer
22. Victor Rivera & Swede Hansen
23. Larry Zbyszko & Dominic DeNucci
24. Ernie Ladd & The Superstar
25. The Bruno Brothers



Andre the Giant is ranked no. 3 while Chief Jay Strongbow just made the listing as no. 100.



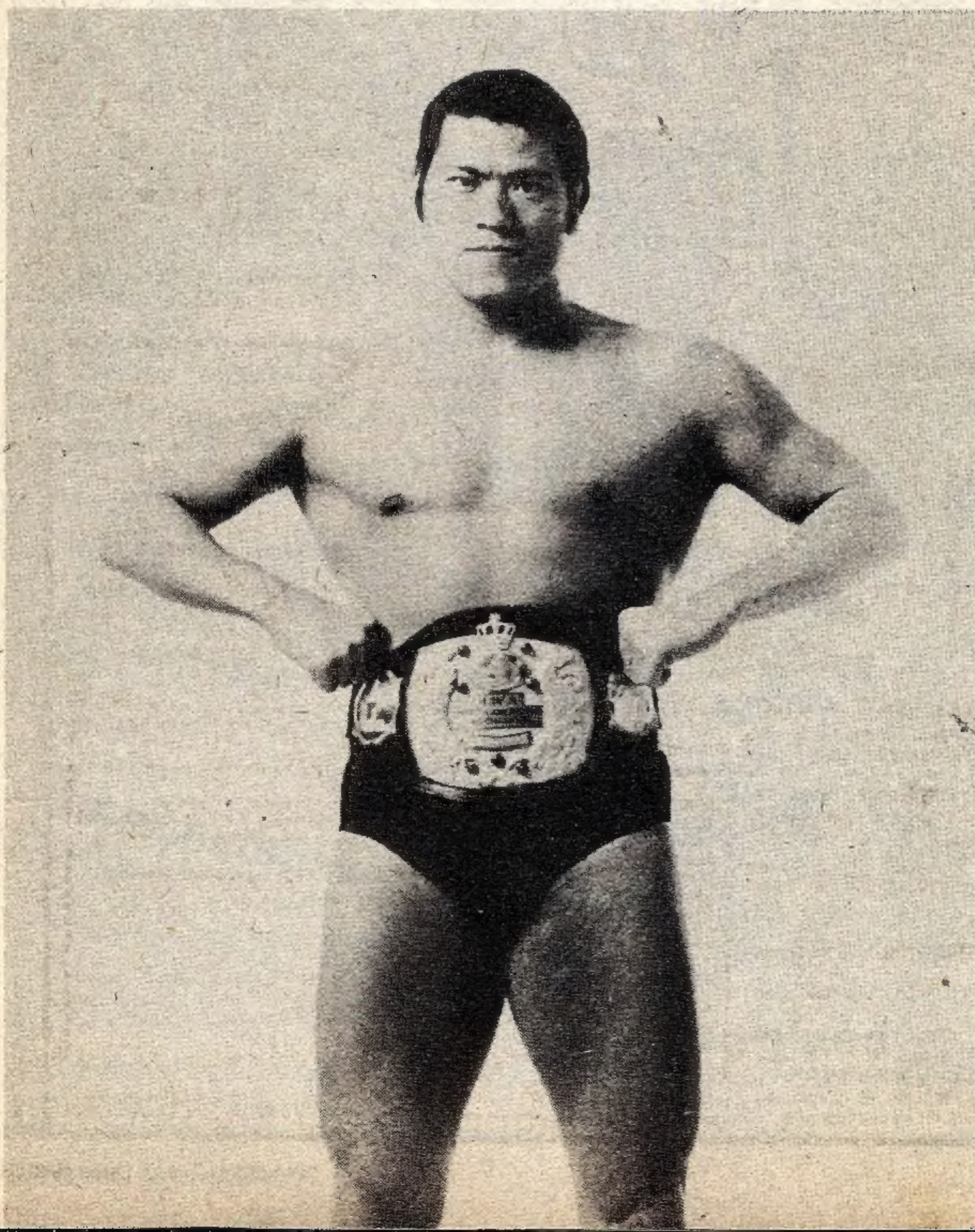
Mighty Igor — listed no. 45 and moving up fast.

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INOKI PINS BACKLUND!

W.W.F. CHAMPIONSHIP CHANGES HANDS — TWICE!

As this issue of Wrestling Revue was going to press, we have learned that Bob Backlund has lost his W.W.F. championship to Japanese star Antonio Inoki.



The circumstances surrounding this major upset are not completely clear yet but, apparently, Inoki pinned Backlund in a title match on Japanese soil, and was awarded the championship belt. There was a rematch a short while later, in which Backlund and Inoki were both counted out of the ring.

However, Inoki apparently decided he did not want the belt any longer and the W.W.F. officials *handed* the belt back to Bob Backlund. Everyone who witnessed the match was stunned at what had happened.

In our view, Bob Backlund is no longer the real champion, even though he now again has the belt. Never before has such an inexplicable event taken place in the wrestling world.

W.W.F. officials are keeping silent about this occurrence — they will not even admit that this event ever occurred. In other words, **YOU** are not supposed to know that Bob Backlund was pinned in front of thousands of fans in Japan!

However, we felt that you should be informed of this startling event — even though the W.W.F. officials don't want you to know about it!

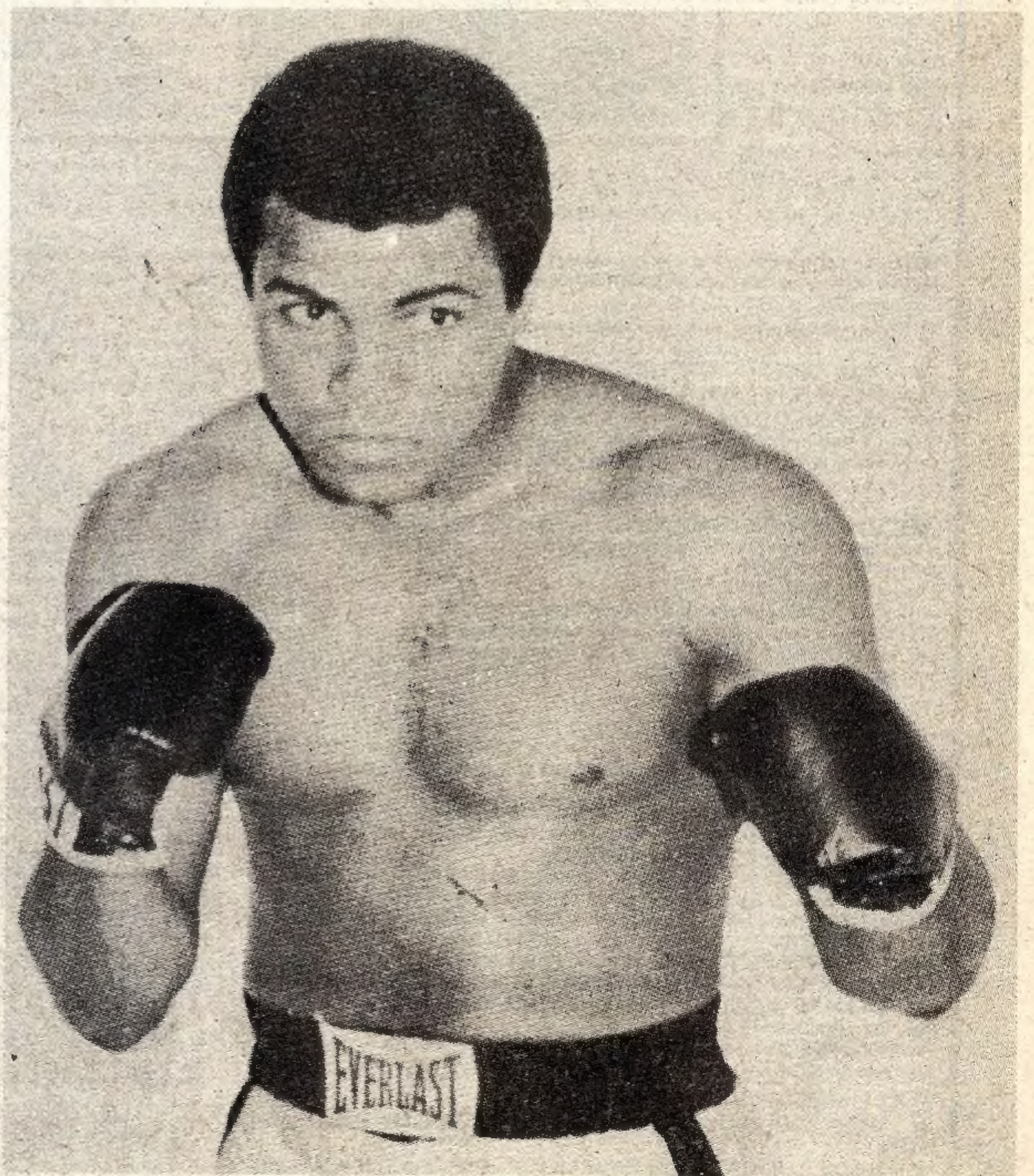
Our Japanese correspondent has exclusive photographs from this match, including undeniable photos of Antonio Inoki wearing the championship belt! Unfortunately, we did not receive the pictures in time for them to be included in this issue, but we will have a full report and these pictures in our next issue.

Remember, only in Wrestling Revue will you find this kind of exclusive information. We do it all for you! ☐

WHEN THE LIVING LEGENDS COLLIDE...

ALI vs SAMMARTINO

By DAN KAMINSKY



The two living legends of ring sports Muhammad Ali and Bruno Sammartino.

What would happen if the world's two living legends colided in a Texas Death Match? Well, there is no more guessing because the event has already taken place — on paper.

Sure enough, Wrestling Revue has pitted boxing's living legend, Muhammad Ali, against wrestling's living legend, Bruno Sammartino. After intense studies, the result of the computer fight of the century has arrived.

Muhammad Ali is no stranger to the wrestling world. He spent a great deal of his childhood idolizing Georgeous George and other grapplers. In addition, he has also battled the Japanese wrestling champion, Antonio Inoki, to a 15-round draw.

When Muhammad Ali verbally challenged Bruno Sammartino to step into the ring with him, we — the editors of Wrestling Revue — became very curious as to how such a match would have actually turned out. Hence, we decided to feed all the necessary biographical, physical and career information into a computer to determine who is the world's *real* living legend.

What the computer told us is as close to the truth as we will ever know. Come with us now and enjoy the greatest fantasy match of all time.

In order to be fair to both contestants, we organized a rules committee whose

purpose was to develop a fair set of rules and regulations that the fighters must follow. The rules that the committee finally agreed upon for the fight of the century were fairly simple, and are as follows:

1) Either man will be allowed to use any size boxing gloves if he so desires. It is not mandatory to wear gloves.

2) There will be three-minute rounds with a one-minute rest between rounds. However, there is no limit to the number of rounds and there will be no curfew.

3) The battle will be fought to a positive and decisive finish.

4) A winner will be decided by either a knockout or a pin.

5) Since it is a Texas Death Match, Muhammad and Bruno will be free to punch their opponents to their heart's content.

6) Mandatory eight-count is in effect in case of a knock-down.

7) This will be a "no-holds-barred"

brawl, and the fight cannot be stopped for cuts or any sort of a disqualification.

Here is how the battle went as the ring's two respective living legends collided.

Introductions:

Muhammad Ali enters the ring surrounded by a huge entourage. Among those present are Angelo Dundee, Drew Brown and Dr. Freddie Pacheco. Alo in Ali's corner is Fred Blassie.

Bruno's corner consists of Arnold Skaland, Bob Backlund, Dusty Rhodes and S.D. Jones. Both Rhodes and Jones were former boxers.

Ali weighed in at 221½ pounds while Bruno tipped the scales at a slim and muscular 253¼.

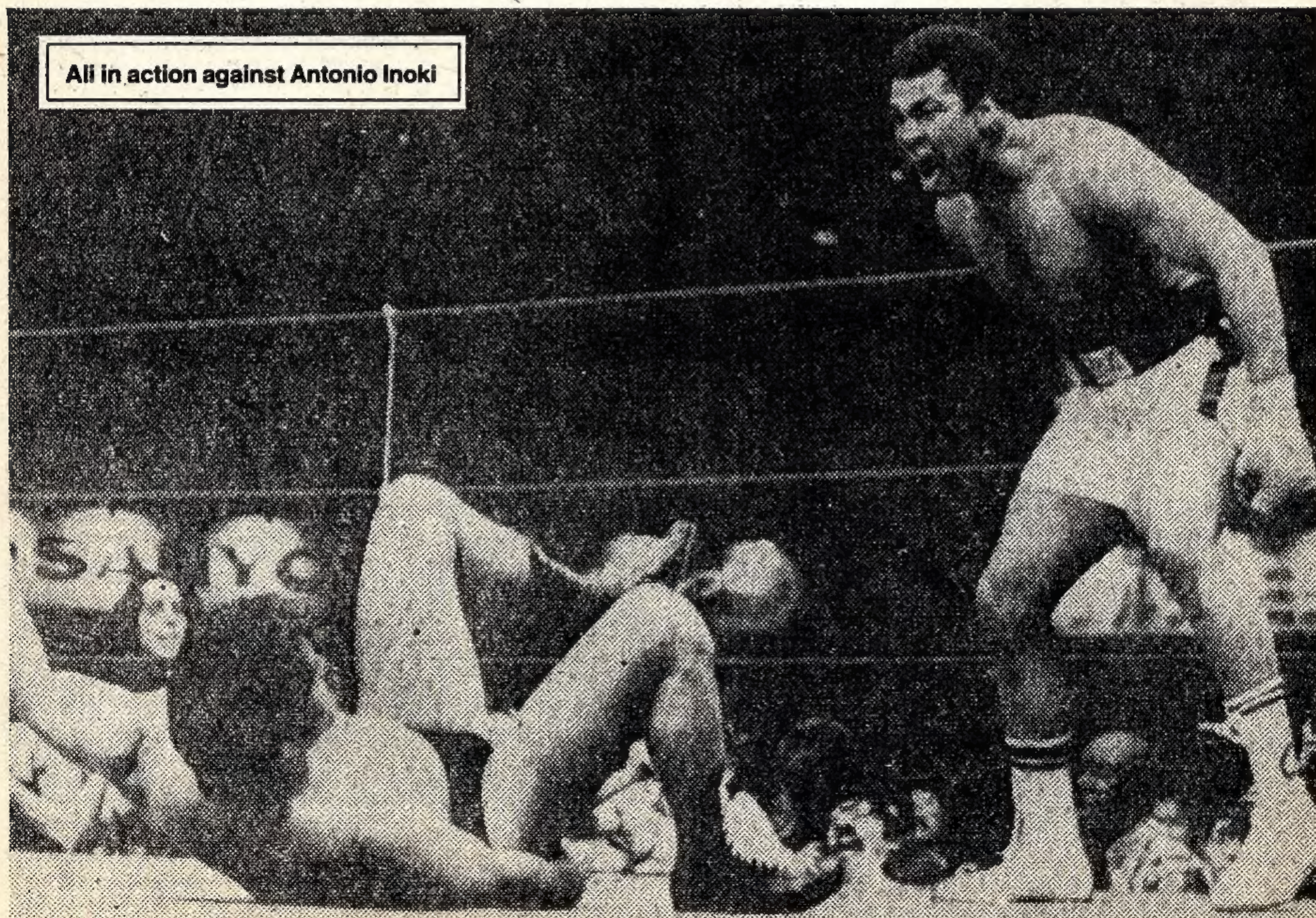
The opening bell rings.

Round One:

Ali, using six-ounce gloves, comes out dancing and throwing light left jabs. Bruno hunches over to avoid the jabs, and goes for a takedown, but Ali dances away. Both fighters seem to be feeling out each other's styles. Bruno quickly grabs Ali's leg, but Ali shoves Bruno into the ropes.

Bruno scores with a left hook to the body, but Ali rope-a-dopes. Ali counters

Ali in action against Antonio Inoki



with a left jab to the facial area. Bruno smiles while Ali countinuously taunts him and throws those long jabs. Soon Ali has Bruno backpedaling.

Bruno, confused, looks towards his corner for advice. Dusty Rhodes yells for Bruno to get Ali in a bearhug, but to no avail. Ali, still throwing punches from every angle imaginable, hurts Bruno.

But Bruno begins to fight back, and lands a right uppercut to Ali's neck, momentarily knocking the wind out of him. Before Bruno can sieze advantage of this opportunity, the bell sounds, ending the first round.

Round Two:

Ali's cornerman, Fred Blassie, tells him to use his feet more. "Kick," yells Blassie.

As the round begins, Ali attempts to kick Bruno, but Bruno catches Ali's foot, taking him to the ground for the first time in the fight. Bruno tries for a quick pin but Ali easily escapes at the count of one.

Ali wrestles his way to his feet and gets on his "bicycle". Ali uses his long left to fight off the charging Bruno. Ali seems to be growing confident as the bell ends the round.

Round Three:

Bruno tries to box Ali, but is ineffective as Ali again begins to taunt his opponent. Ali lands a solid right to Bruno's nose. A left hook has Bruno's knees buckling, but Sammartino does not go down. It appears

that instinct alone is forcing Bruno to fight back.

Blood is now flowing freely from Bruno's left nostril, but the sight of his own blood appears to make him fight even harder. Bruno is now getting the better of Ali, but as they approach Ali's corner, Freddie Blassie trips Bruno with his cane. The referee does not see this, but the crowd does and they become infuriated.

Arnold Skaaland is angered and demands that Blassie be removed from ringside. Blassie refuses to leave and Dusty Rhodes sneaks up behind him and clobbers him. Now Blassie leaves the ring area, but no one knows for sure if he will be back. Meanwhile, while all this action is taking place outside the ring, Ali has regained his composure and is pounding away at Bruno's midsection. During the one-minute break, Bruno's cornermen go to work to stop the tremendous flow of blood from his nose.

Round Four:

Ali is now firmly in command, and it seems as though Bruno is defenseless against Ali's vicious left-right combinations. With Blassie gone, Angelo Dundee has now taken over Ali's corner and he is advising his man to stay out of reach of Bruno.

Ali is doing an excellent job of this, as Bruno does not land a hard blow for the entire round. The crowd is booing Ali as he continues to inflict punishment onto Sammartino as the bell sounds to end the round.

Round Five:

The fifth round begins right where the previous one left off as Ali is content to slug it out with an apparently very tired Sammartino. Ali pushes Bruno against the ropes but when Bruno bounces off he gives Ali a shoulder block, and Ali hits the canvas.

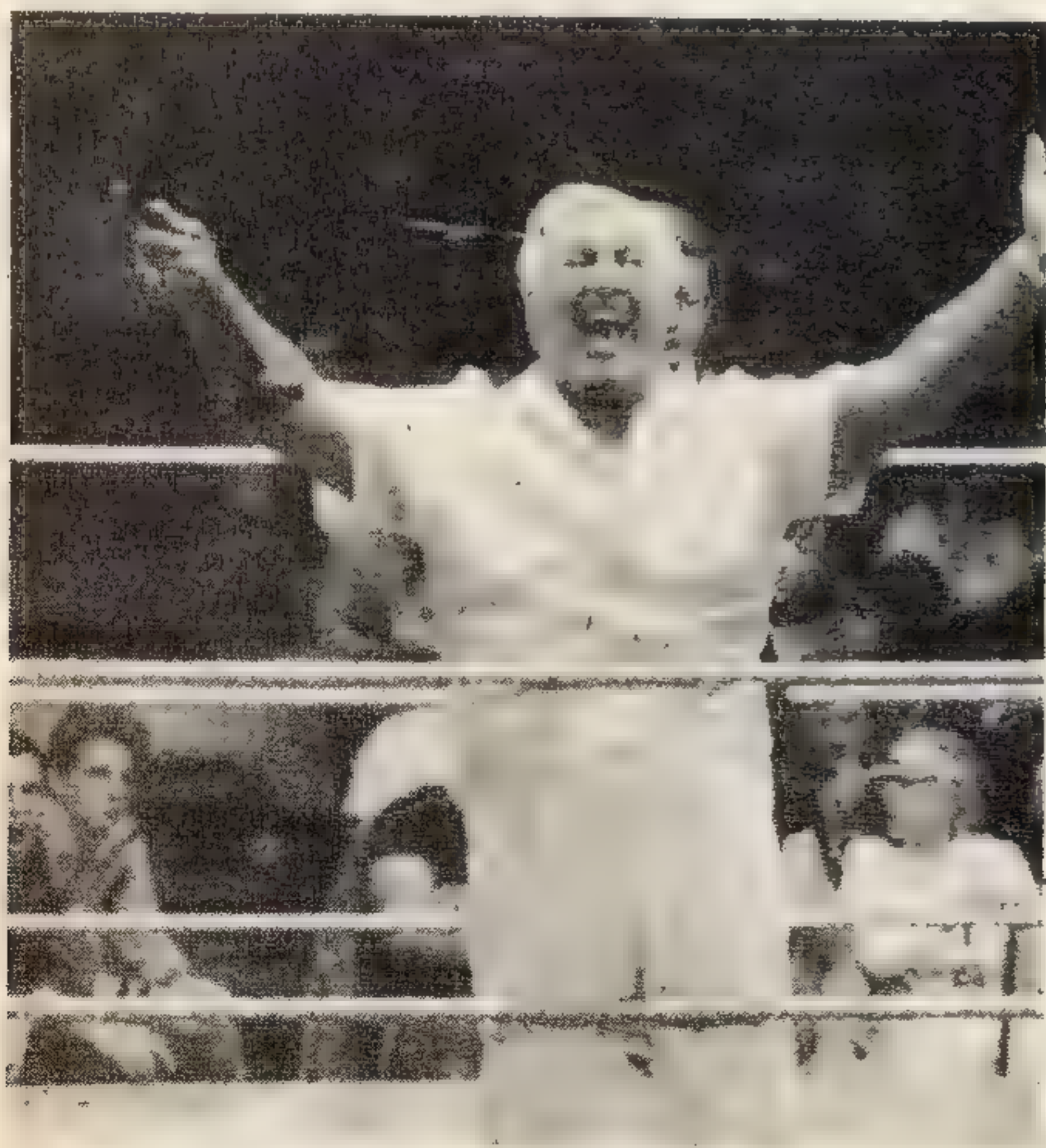
Bruno again runs into the ropes for leverage and takes advantage of the situation by giving Ali a tremendous hip toss that leaves the great boxer lying on his back. The crowd roars its approval as the real Bruno begins to come to life. The round ends as the thousands of fans chant "Bruno... Bruno...!"

Round Six:

At the start of the round Bruno motions for Ali to come forward, but Ali is wary and backs off. Bruno makes the costly mistake of charging after Ali, and Ali lands a vicious kick to Bruno's midsection. Ali follows up with a tremendous right uppercut that connects squarely, and the blood begins to flow once again down Bruno's face.

Skaaland yells for Bruno to take Ali down to the canvas, but Ali avoids this by backpeddling to his left. Bruno again looks tired and when the bell rings to end the round, Bruno is low in going back to his corner. Ali raises his hands in victory, but the fight is far from over.

To be continued...



Fearless Fred Blassie, who acted as Ali's second.



Bruno with his chief advisor Arnold Skaaland.

exclusive
interview with...

DANGEROUS DAVE O'HANNON

"Win at any cost!"

By MIKE OMANSKY

WRESTLING REVUE — Dave, the first thing I'd like to talk about is how you broke into wrestling, and what made you decide you wanted to wrestle.

DAVE — Well, I wanted to be a wrestler since I could remember. It was all I had on my mind; it was an ultimate goal.

WR — To be a professional wrestler?

DAVE — To be a professional wrestler. I had nothing else on my mind. As a boy, I didn't want to be a fireman or a skydiver or a policeman or anything else. I just wanted to wrestle.

WR — Any particular wrestler at that stage inspire you?

DAVE — Yes. Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers inspired me.

WR — A good one!

DAVE — He was tops...he was number one.

WR — We have to agree with you there. One of the great champions of all time.

DAVE — That's right.

WR — So, the first time I ever saw you was at the Philadelphia Arena at a TV taping — which is very unusual; incidentally. Most wrestlers don't have their first matches on television. How did this come about?

DAVE — Well, first, let's be perfectly honest throughout this whole interview and say that the best goes on TV. So, Davy O went right on TV. I came storming out of Kansas City, Missouri, where I broke in under Gus Karras at the Kansas City Memorial Auditorium. When the people on the East Coast got wind of Davy O, they said, "We've got to put him on TV!" So that's where they put me!

WR — And that's where you started. And I believe that it was as Dangerous Davy O'Hannon.

DAVE — It still is Dangerous Dave. They put me on the number one TV market in the country — in the world! The New York Metropolitan-Philadelphia viewing area.

WR — After that, what arenas have you frequented? I have seen you in Madison Square Garden...

DAVE — Well, besides the Mecca, which is Madison Square Garden...and, incidentally, if you have made it to Madison Square Garden, you have made it to the top! Promoter Vince McMahon just happens to bring the best in the world to Madison Square Garden. I have been up and down the East Coast, the Midwest, the far West, the Pacific Northwest, and, just recently, before my successful return from the Orient, I was in the Southwest.

WR — And among the places in the South, you hit Texas, where I believe you won a major title — one of the roughest titles in wrestling today.

DAVE — Not only did I win one of the major titles, I won a few of the major titles. I chased Terry Funk around until he was so sick of hiding he had to come out and lose the belt to Harley Race. While in Texas, right in Funk's own backyard, I beat Dory Jr., several times, and he is the man you're

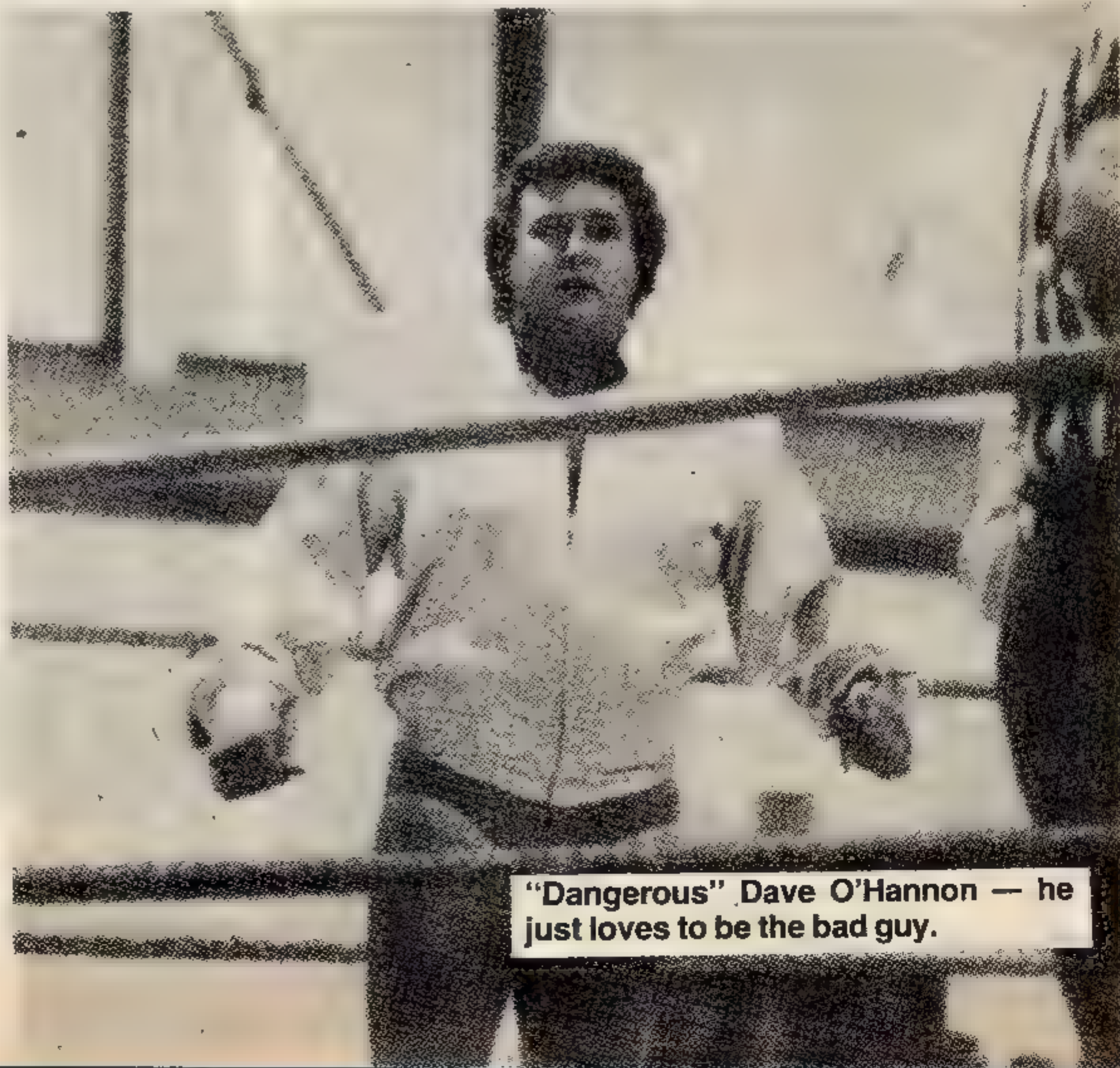
supposed to get through to get to Terry. When I saw that was futile, I went after the Brass Knuckles title. I won that title on my first try.

WR — Who did you beat for that?

DAVE — Hank James, for the Brass Knuckle title. After Hank James, I washed my hands and went after Scott Casey and won the Western States Heavyweight title. I found myself a tag-team partner in Dennis Stamp, one of the best amateurs in the world, from Minnesota, and Dennis and I captured the Western States Tag-team title. We had Texas right where we wanted it. We owned it!

WR — That's one thing I have noticed. When you have appeared on the East Coast, in the World Wrestling Federation, you have been a solo. You have not been part of too many tag-teams. Yet, when you go to other areas, you do participate in tag matches. As you have indicated, you have won several titles. Why is that?

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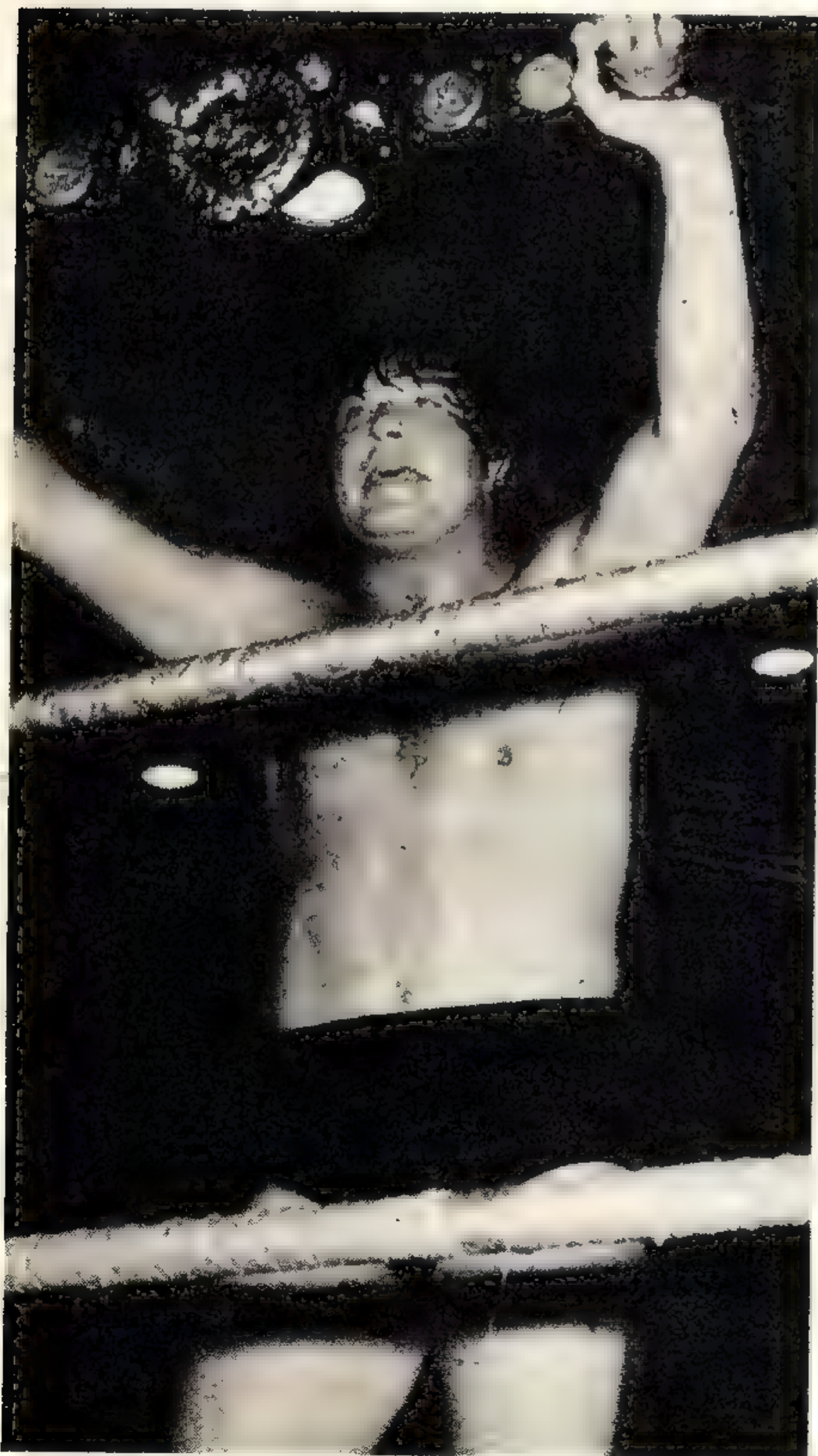


"Dangerous" Dave O'Hannon — he just loves to be the bad guy.

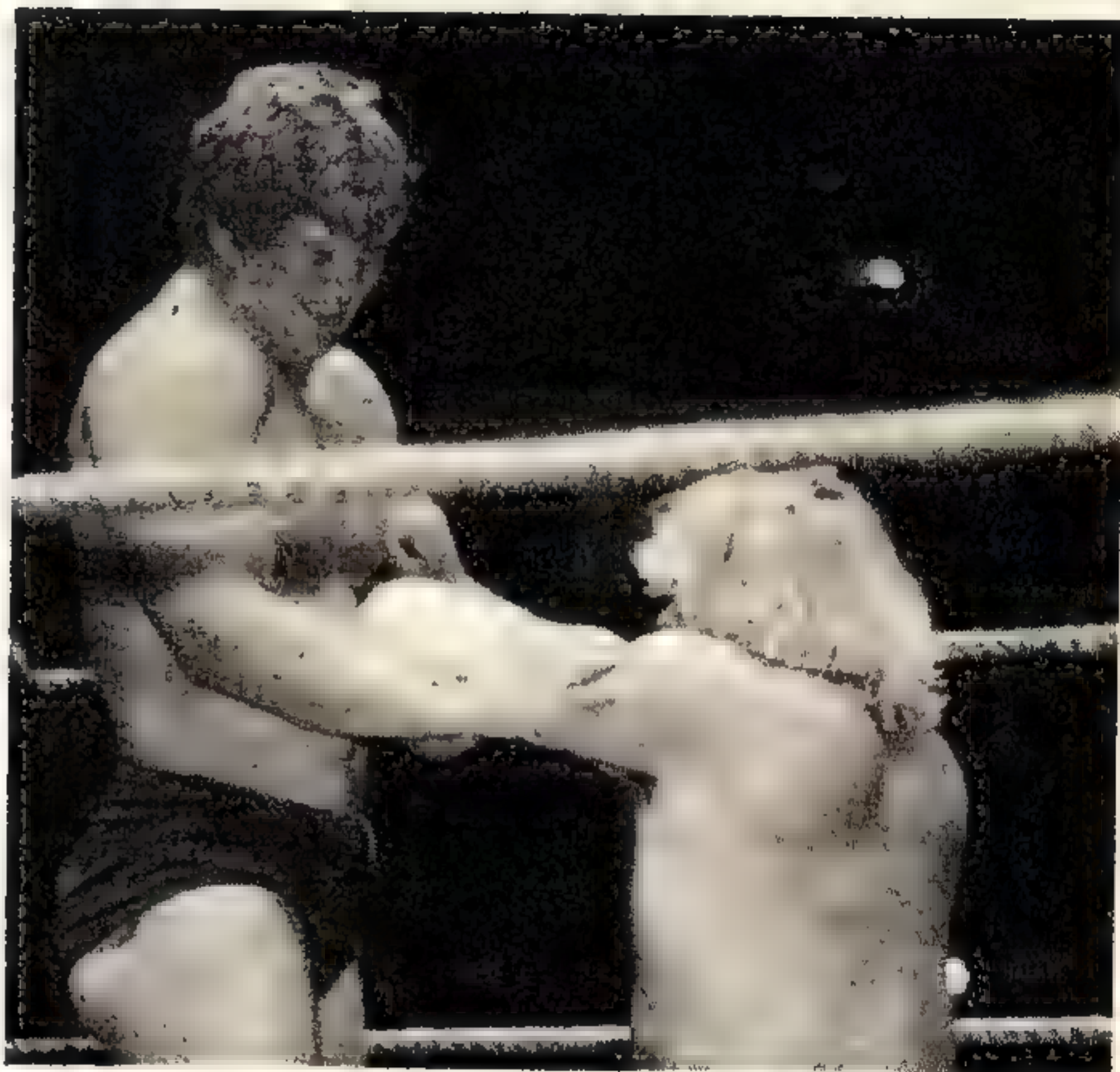
Dan's Magic Camera

Dan Kaminsky is one of the best wrestling photographers in the world today. He's been photographing all of the top matches across the country for over 10 years. We at Wrestling Revue are proud to have him as our chief photographer.

Each month Dan will be covering one of the country's major wrestling centers and we will publish a special photo essay on that one city. This month Dan was assigned to Madison Square Garden, and his beautiful photos appear on the following pages for your enjoyment.



Ted DiBise proudly displaying the North American championship belt that he won.



Champion Bob Backlund has challenger Bob Duncum under control with an armlock.



A battered and bloody Bob Duncum following his match with Backlund.



Backlund shows the joy that Duncum lacked as he is declared the victor!



"Superstar" is in trouble as Putski applies "Polish Power".



Ivan Putski seems confused by it all as Ken Patera works him over.



Dusty Rhodes taunts "Superstar" Graham during their brutal bullrope match.

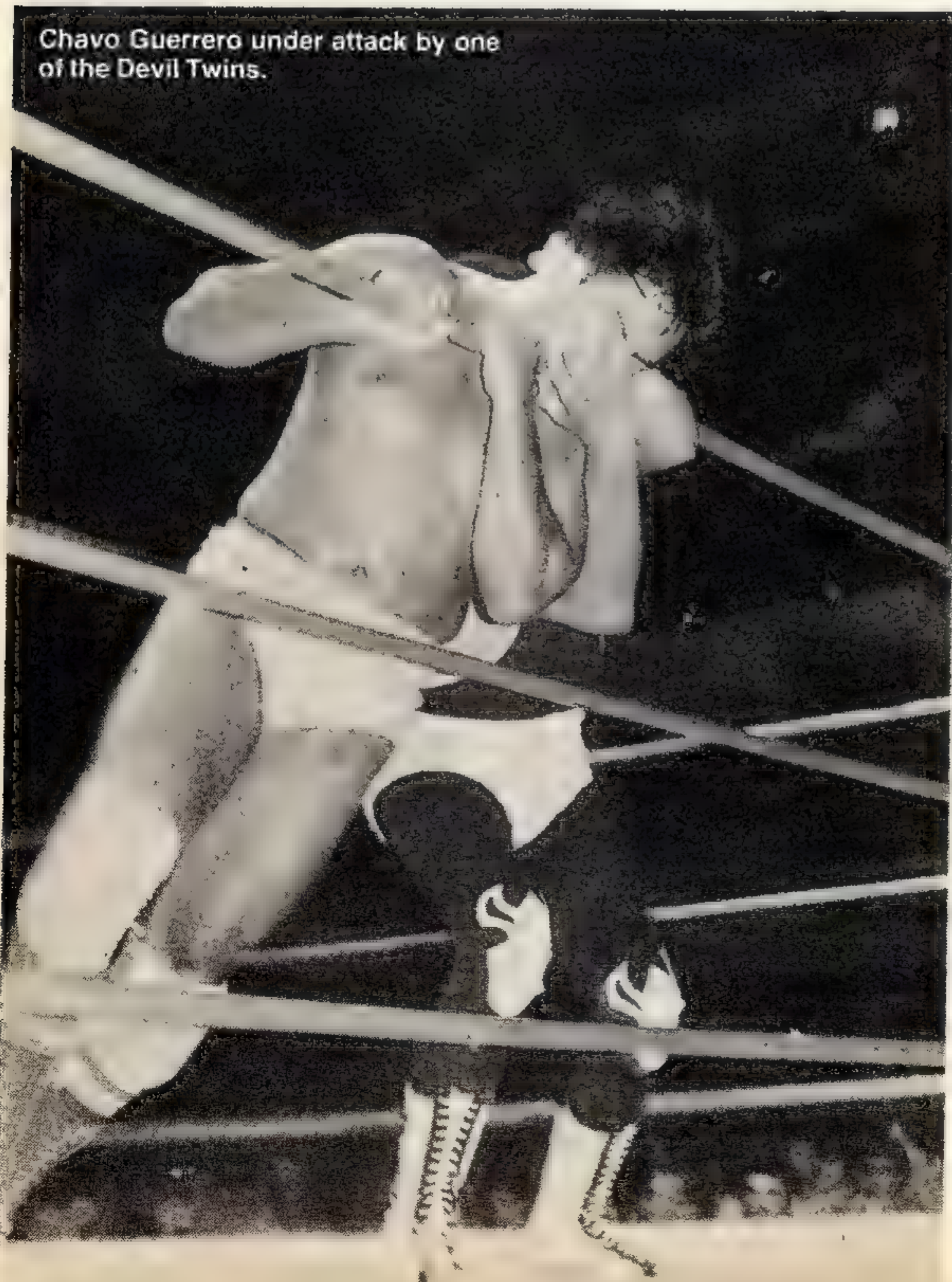
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAT SCENE

By KATHY DOWD

During the 1950s, the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium and Hollywood Legion Stadium were the sites for many famous professional wrestling matches. Some of the grapplers who appeared there included "Wild Red" Berry, Count Billy Varga, Lou Thesz, Ray Gunkel, "Dangerous" Danny McShain, Dick Lane, Vic Christie, Baron Michele Leone, Gorgeous George, Dave Levin, and many other top mat personalities.

Chavo Guerrero under attack by one of the Devil Twins.



Crowds could vary anywhere from a couple of thousand up to 20,000 or more. People from all over the wrestling world would sooner or later try to make a Southern California mat card as this was "where the action was", so to speak.

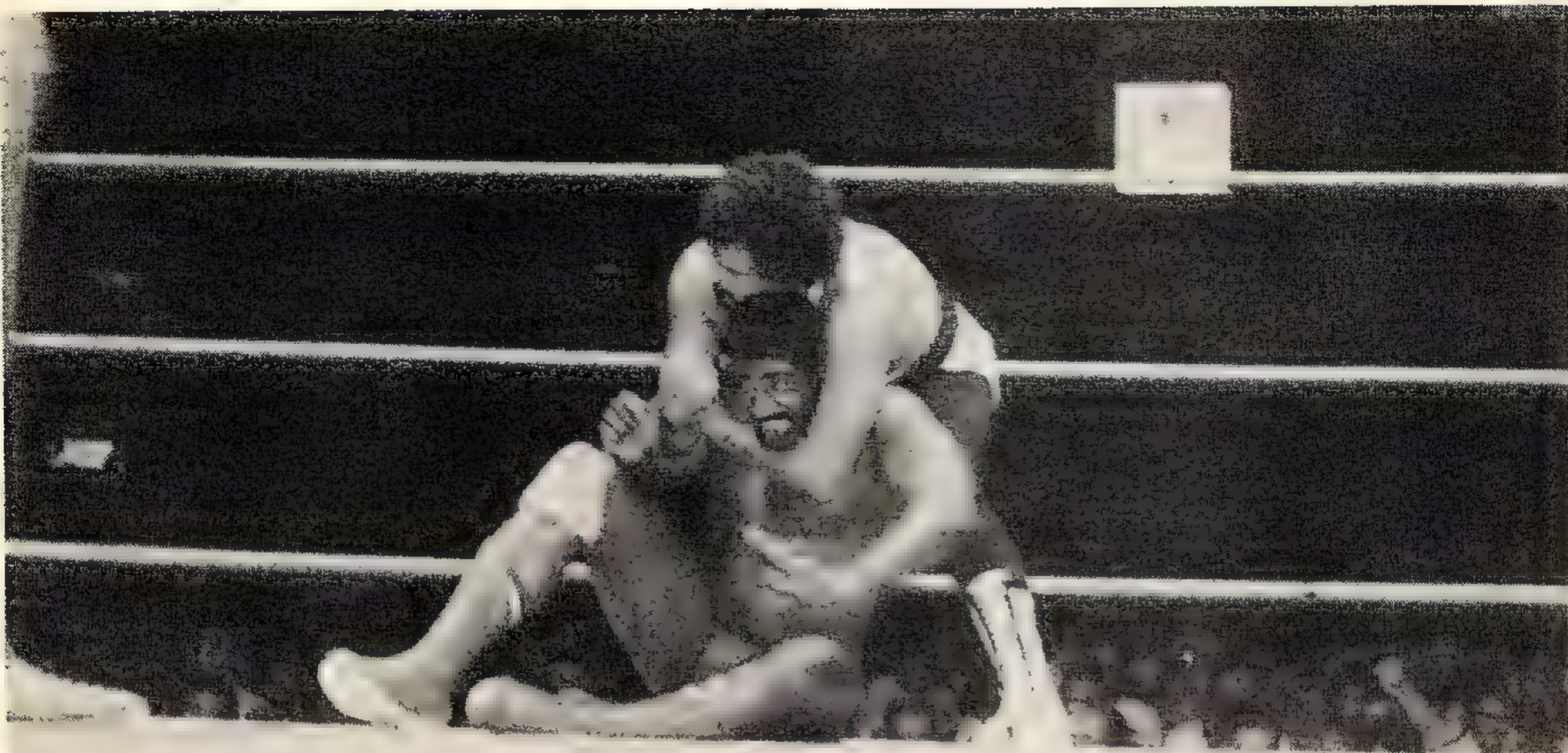
In the '60s such stars as Ray "the Crippler" Stevens, "Moondog" Mayne, Freddie Blassie, Peter Maivia, Pat Patterson, Luke and Jerry Graham, Sky Low Low, Pedro Morales, Gorilla Monsoon and Nick Backwinkle graced the Southern California mat scene — and still the fans were flocking in from all over to see wrestling at its best.

Week after week, the wrestlers were receiving top billing and the Los Angeles area was the place to be for both wrestlers and followers alike.

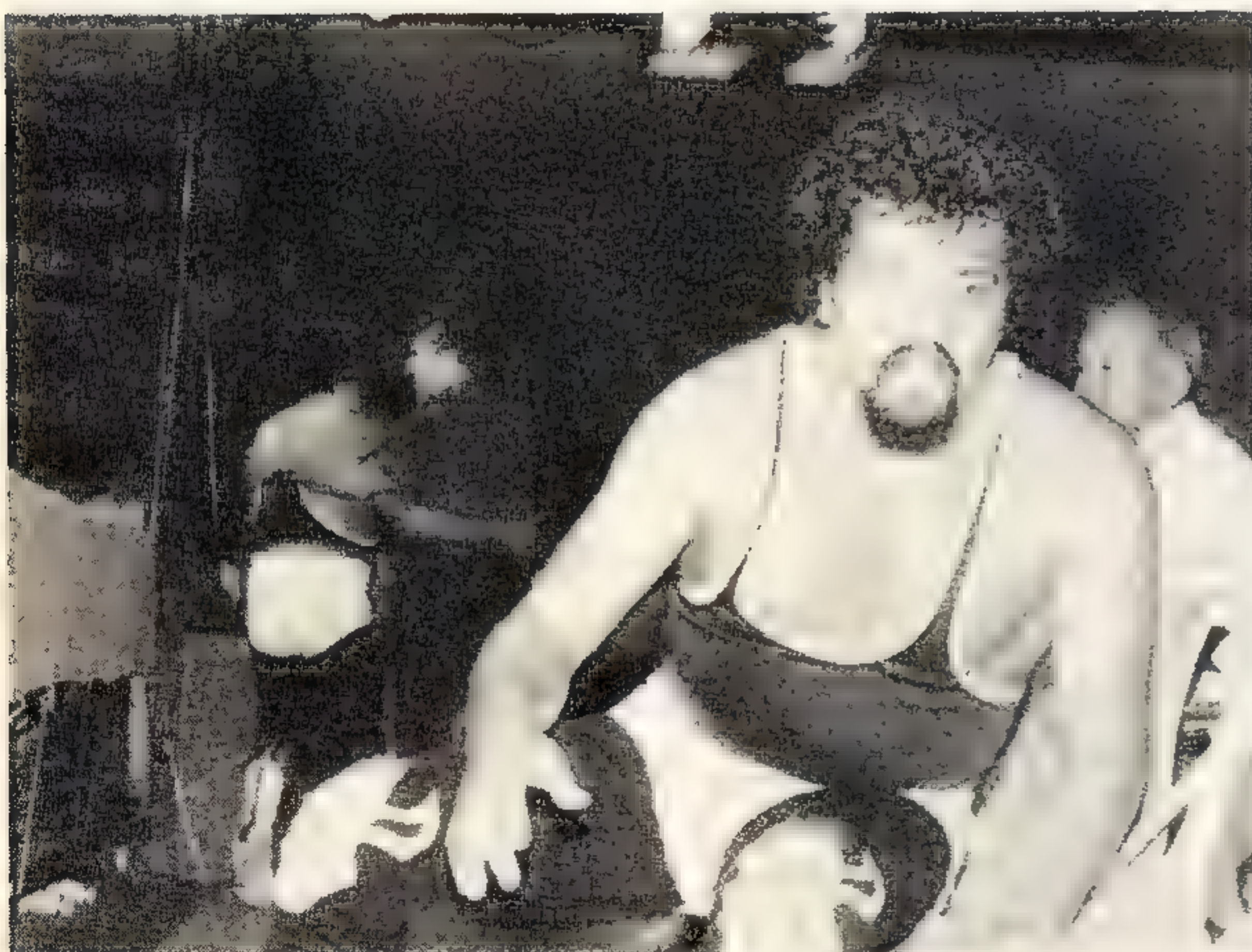
In the early '70s, many of these top wrestlers were starting to leave the L.A. area for other wrestling hotbeds throughout the country. The major reason that they were leaving was that the areas where wrestling was being held were rapidly becoming high-crime-rate areas. It was on more than one occasion that wrestlers were injured physically — and I don't mean inside the ring. The cars of both wrestlers and fans were being stolen or totally demolished. There were riots, and wrestling men — and their fans — began to drift again and soon there were hardly any top-name wrestlers appearing there.

L.A. was no longer the big wrestling area it had been. Instead, the once-great wrestling crowds were at their lowest levels since the beginnings of Southern California mat action.

Something happened in the late '70s, though. Bigger and better-known wrestling personalities began once again to make their appearance in the major Southern California wrestling cities. Wrestlers like Victor Rivera, Haystacks Calhoun, Mil Mascaras, The Devil Twins, Bad News Coage, Big Bad Leroy Brown, Bull Ramos, Bob Backlund, The Great Goliath, George Wells, the Guerrero Brothers (Chavo, Mando, and Hector), Freddie



George Wells is caught in a headlock by a Devil Twin.



Blassie, George "the Animal" Steele and many other top stars are now returning to Southern California mat rings.

Places like San Diego, Los Angeles, Bakersfield, San Bernardino and Fresno are once again returning to their importance of yesteryear and the style of wrestling that once made them famous.

Come now on a photo tour of some recent L.A. mat action:



One of the Devil Twins, looking the worse for wear after a match.

George Wells gets revenge as he nails one of the Devil Twins.



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THE 'MAGIC MICRO GARY CAPP INSIDE THE VOICE OF WRESTL

There are many ring announcers in the United States — literally hundreds upon hundreds. But other than a select few, like Jimmy Lennon in Los Angeles, very few are known, remembered, and sought after by fans and promoters alike.

The most recent entry into this special, elite circle is the youthful Gary Cappetta, who beams into the living rooms weekly as announcer for CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING. And when you talk to Gary Cappetta, there's just no wonder as to why he has captured the imagination of so many rooters of the squared circle.



"I first became exposed to professional wrestling from television," Gary recalls. "There was a woman who worked for my father who brought me to my first match at the Convention Hall in Asbury Park, N.J."

"The main event was a rematch between the teams of Dr. Jerry Graham and Fred Blassie, and Bruno Sammartino and Red Bastien. Graham and Blassie had won the first encounter, but Bruno and Red were able to turn the tables in the second outing." Gary still has the newspaper clipping pointing to the results.

"The very first wrestlers I saw were Arnold Skaaland and Smasher Sloan, the opening bout of the evening," Gary notes. "Pedro Morales fought Luke Graham in the second match. Who would have thought that Arnold Skaaland would rise to become manager of not one, but two heavyweight champions — Bruno Sammartino and Bob Backlund — or that seven years later Morales and Graham would be headlining Madison Square Garden in a title bout?"

After Asbury Park, Gary became addicted. Relying on family and friends for rides, he began hitting such spots as the Paterson Armory and the Newark Armory. A few years later he began going to Madison Square Garden. Gary still has his autograph book from the '60s, complete with Chief Big Heart, Jack Austimiller, Dr. Jerry Graham, and many others.

When Gary started to drive, he began making all of the matches in New Jersey. It became a very expensive proposition, and he found that he could go and enjoy himself while alleviating expenses by writing for pro wrestling magazines. "I wrote articles on such attractions as Gorilla Monsoon, the lady midget wrestlers, Nikolai Volkoff, and ref Dick Woehrle," Gary notes.

How did he break into announcing? "One night, in Wildwood, New Jersey, I

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noticed that there was no ring announcer. I spoke to the late Willie Gilzenbert, who at the time was president of the World Wrestling Federation, who said that if I came back the next week in a jacket and tie, I could give it a try. That year, there were matches for 10 straight weeks in Wildwood, and I got my experience announcing every show."

After the season ended, Gary was asked to continue on announcing in different parts of New Jersey, and was soon at the microphone in Camden, Cherry Hill, and a score of other high school and college programs. As time passed, Cappetta found himself with a very full schedule. In summer 1976, when TV ring announcer Buddy Wagner passed away, Gary was asked to try out for the job. He has been doing it ever since.

Gary Cappetta is now recognized by millions of viewers as his weekly announcing is seen across the Northeast, from Bangor, Maine, to Washington, D.C., and from New York to Baltimore. His live appearances have taken him from New York to Pittsburgh, and he has appeared at over 200 high schools and colleges, always complete with carnation and tie.

Gary enjoys meeting and talking to fans, and welcomes the opportunity to do so. "I like to be accessible to the fans. I know they have questions and comments, and I always look forward to seeing them in my travels."

The question fans ask Gary the most? "What does George Steele have against me?" Gary laughs. And the answer is that Gary doesn't know!

"I don't know what is on George Steele's mind," Gary explains. "I don't know if anybody knows what's on George Steele's mind. I don't know of anything that I have ever done to antagonize George Steele. Lou Albano, George Steele's

manager, says that I 'provoke' his 'main man', and make nasty sneers at Steele, but that is simply not true.

"All I know is that the first time I ever announced George Steele, I turned around to walk out of the ring, and he pounced on me. He then started to chew my flower. From that time on, I have avoided getting into the ring when Steele is there. No way will I let that happen again!"

A humorous incident took place about a year ago.

"It was the first match of the night," Cappetta recalls, "and I announced George Steele *before* he came into the ring. George then came running down the aisle, and I prepared to exit. Steele's opponent, a less experienced wrestler, wanted me to stay in the ring and announce him as well.

"Don't worry, Gary, I will take care of you!" he assured me. I told him, 'No way!', and continued to leave — with him coming after me, pledging promises of protection. 'Don't worry, I'll protect you!' Five seconds later, he flew over the ropes, past me, courtesy of Mr. Steele. I think I made a very wise decision about his offer of protection!"

When looking at the current wrestling scene, Gary notes a lot of exciting competition. We asked Gary for his opinions on the current main-eventers. "Bob Backlund has captured the imagination of a lot of the upcoming high school and college wrestlers," Gary offered, "because he has made the transition successfully to the pro ranks. He's quite a wrestler!"

One of the people Gary respects most is Gorilla Monsoon. "As close as I have been to the greats of professional wrestling, I have seen how great he is both in and out of the ring. I have great respect for his integrity and his honesty. And his wrestling skill is not surpassed by anyone.

"Superstar Billy Graham is another phenomenon. He is one of the most color-

ful wrestlers whom I have ever worked with. And it's amazing how many rooters he has, given the tactics he uses."

Another top man in Gary's eyes is Ivan Koloff. "Throughout the wrestling world — and I mean the entire *world* — Ivan Koloff is one of the most feared and one of the most respected individuals. He will always carry with him his reputation as the only man ever to pin Bruno Sammartino in the middle of the ring."

And about Bruno Sammartino? In Gary's youth, Bruno was his hero. "I'm still a big Bruno fan to this day," Gary confesses. "Not only Bruno Sammartino the wrestler, but Bruno Sammartino the man." As to Bruno's future, Gary notes, "Bruno is in magnificent shape. He can do what he wants to do. If he wants to keep wrestling, I'm sure the door will always be open to him as a contender for the championship."

One thing that Gary has strong feelings about is fans who throw objects into the ring. "Fans don't realize that not only are they endangering their target, but everybody else who is around the ring — the announcer, the refs, the other wrestler, and the fans. It's a very dangerous practice."

Gary has many diverse interests in life, aside from the wrestling scene. He was a

'What does George (Animal) Steele have against me?'

Spanish-English-Education major at Monmouth College in New Jersey, and during those years he was active in the 1972 presidential election campaign. He has been to Spain twice, and spent a summer attending the University of Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain. His travels have also taken him to Africa.

On off nights, Gary may practice the piano (he has taken lessons for 16 years, and is quite an accomplished classical player), or attend theatrical performances or concerts.

"I'm very happy doing what I'm doing," notes Gary. "I hope that fans who attend the matches will continue to come up to me and let me know what they are thinking. I hope in the future to meet more new people in the arenas I announce at."

And, no doubt, those fans who do have the opportunity to meet Gary Cappetta will find him to be as happy, knowledgeable, and congenial as we found this great young ring announcer to be! □

Gordon's grappling Gems

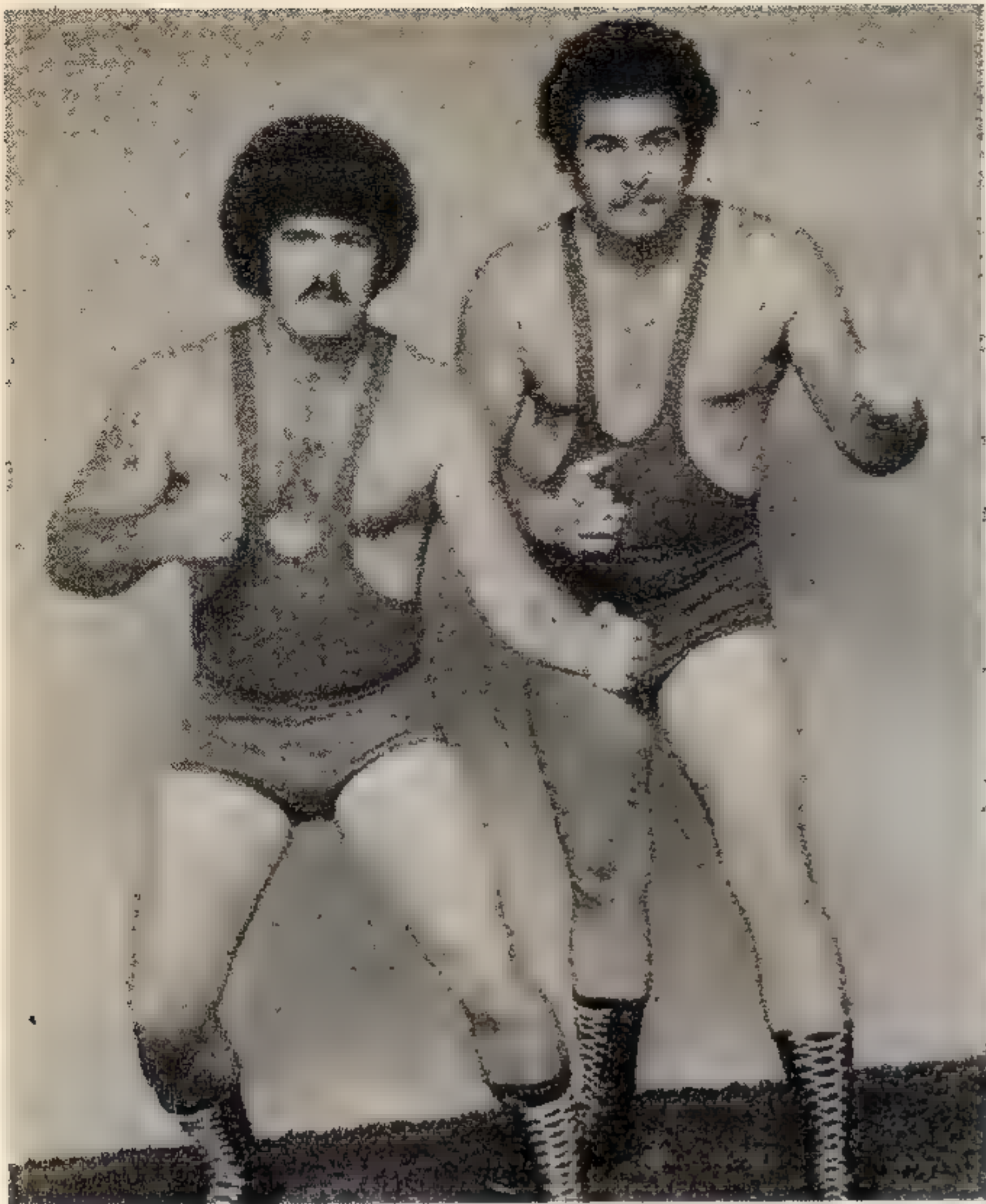


Chief Black Eagle, the newest "hero" who is appearing on the Independent circuits in the mid-South.

Lovely Australian girls' champion Susan Sexton, who had been wowing them in the Carolinas the past six months, recently has shifted to the New York area for promoter Mark Tendler.

Bob Orton Jr. has Leaping Lanny in trouble during their match at Maryville, Tenn.





An up-and-coming tag-team in the area is the Gallagher Brothers, Jim and Bruce. They provide nonstop mat action.



The veteran Luis Martinez, a popular performer on the IWC circuit in Michigan.



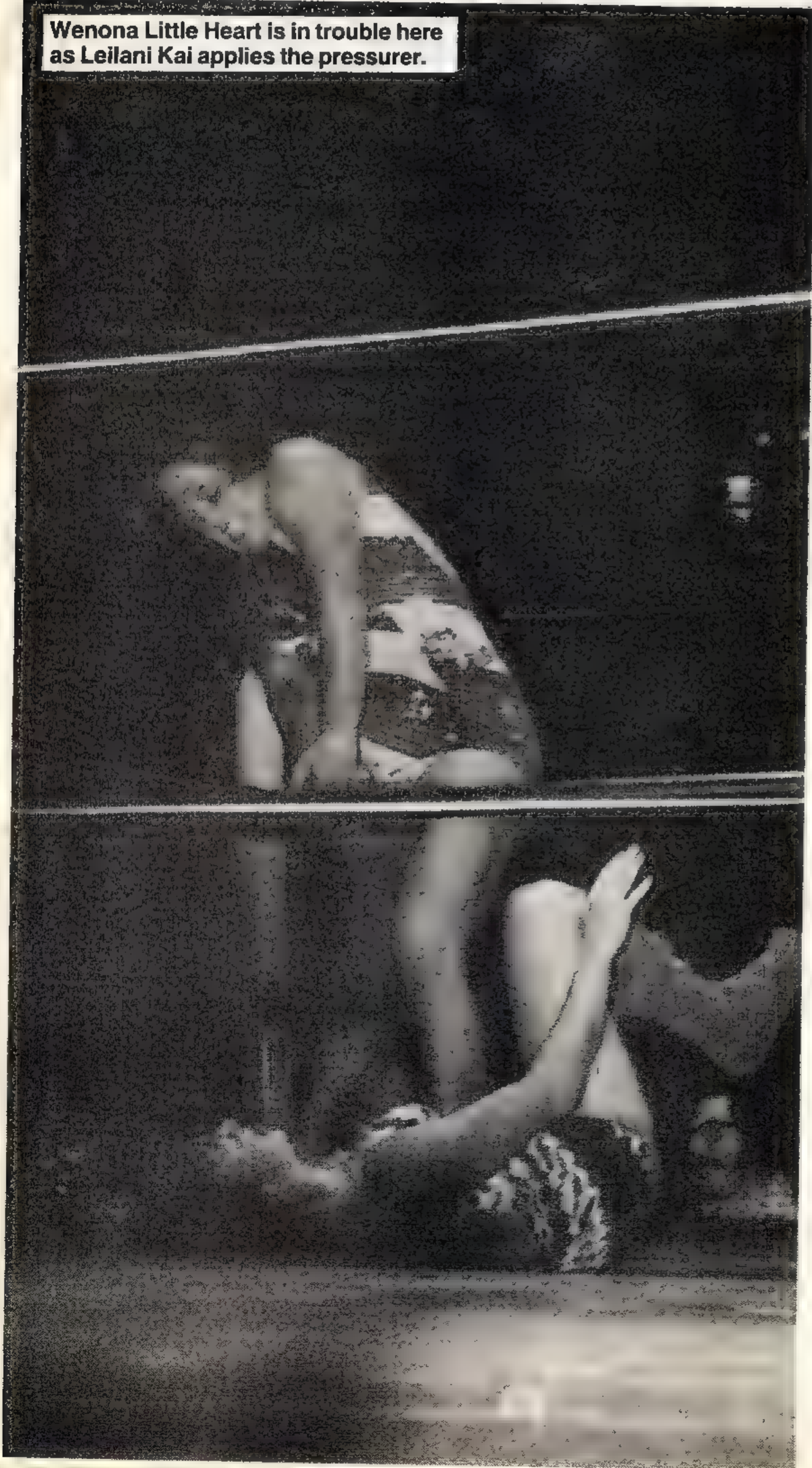
A promising newcomer is junior heavyweight "Cowboy" Ray Gordon from Valdese, N.C.



The main man of the Los Angeles scene is "Big, Bad" Leroy Brown.

Gordon's grappling Gems

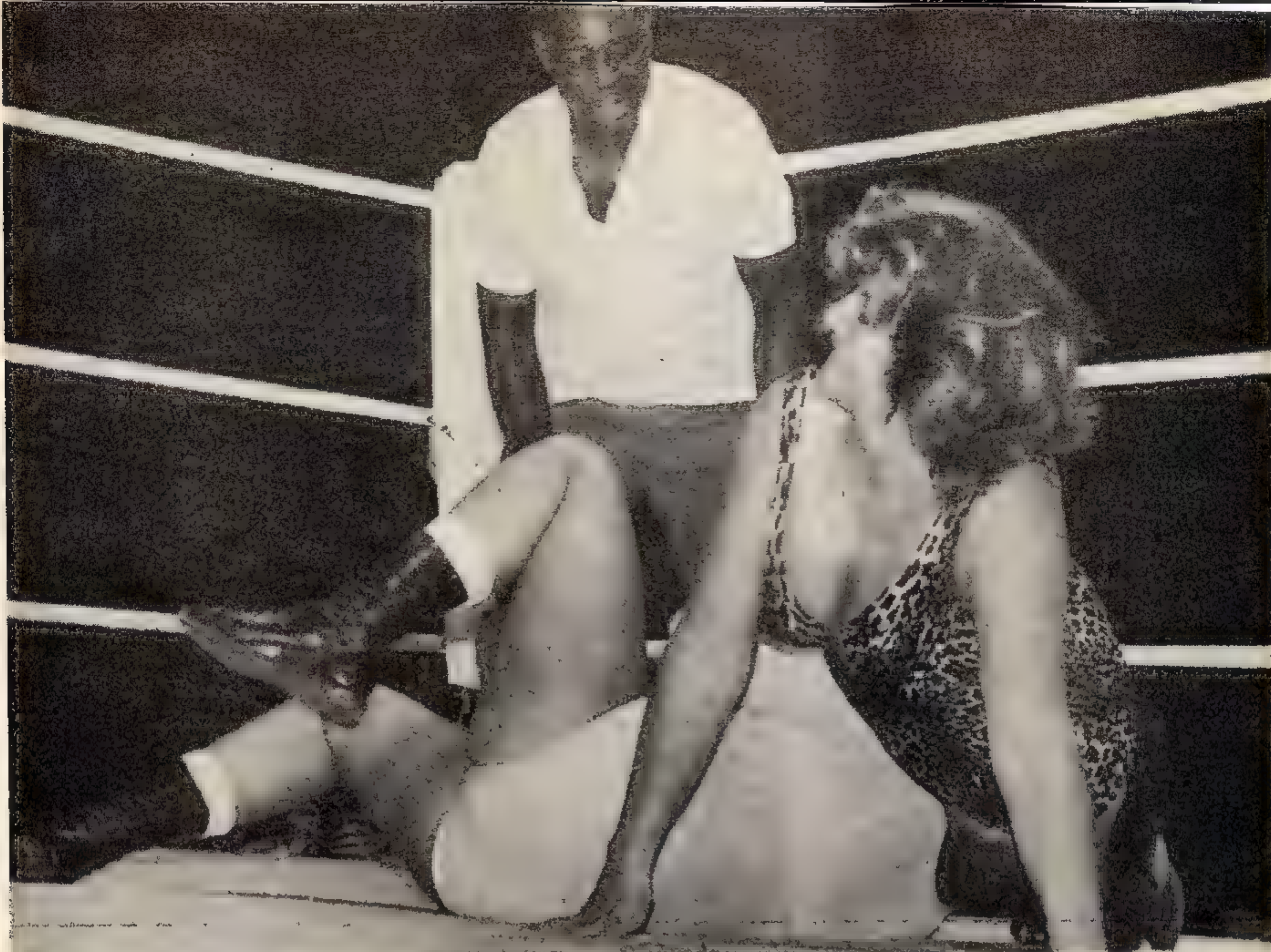
Wenona Little Heart is in trouble here
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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

By EVELYN DAVIS

The 1979 Rookie of the Year award, presented at the WFIA convention in Memphis, Tenn., went to 18-year-old Eddie Gilbert. Eddie is perhaps the youngest pro wrestler to win this highly prized honor.

Gilbert is the son of famous mat star Tommy Gilbert, so he comes by his talent naturally.

When Eddie was only a kindergarten student at a private school in Lexington,

Tenn., he always said that he was going to be like his dad. He is one of that lucky few who, from his earliest knowledge of what he wanted to do with his life, has followed through.

An excellent student, Eddie once considered becoming both a journalist and a wrestler, but as his wrestling career boomed right from the start, the idea of journalism has completely diminished.

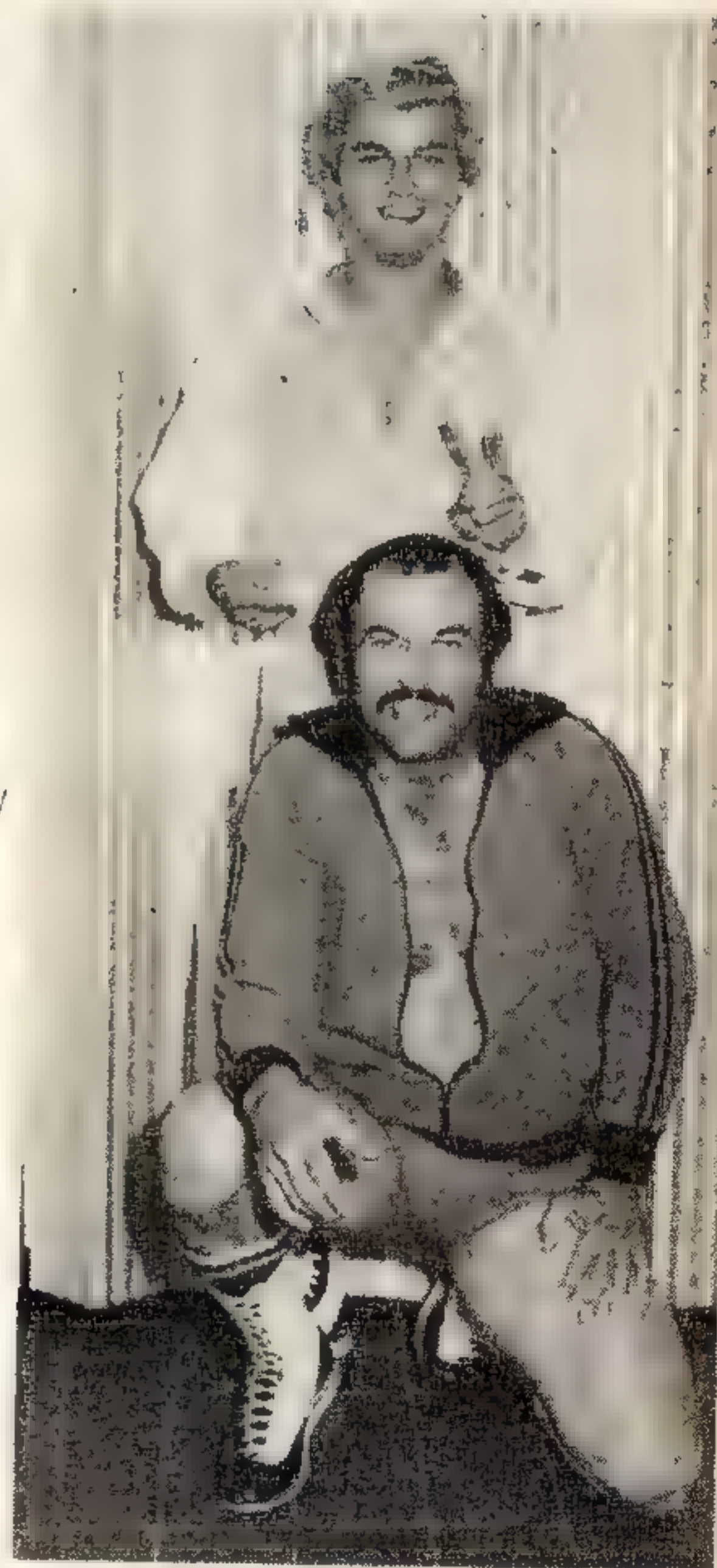
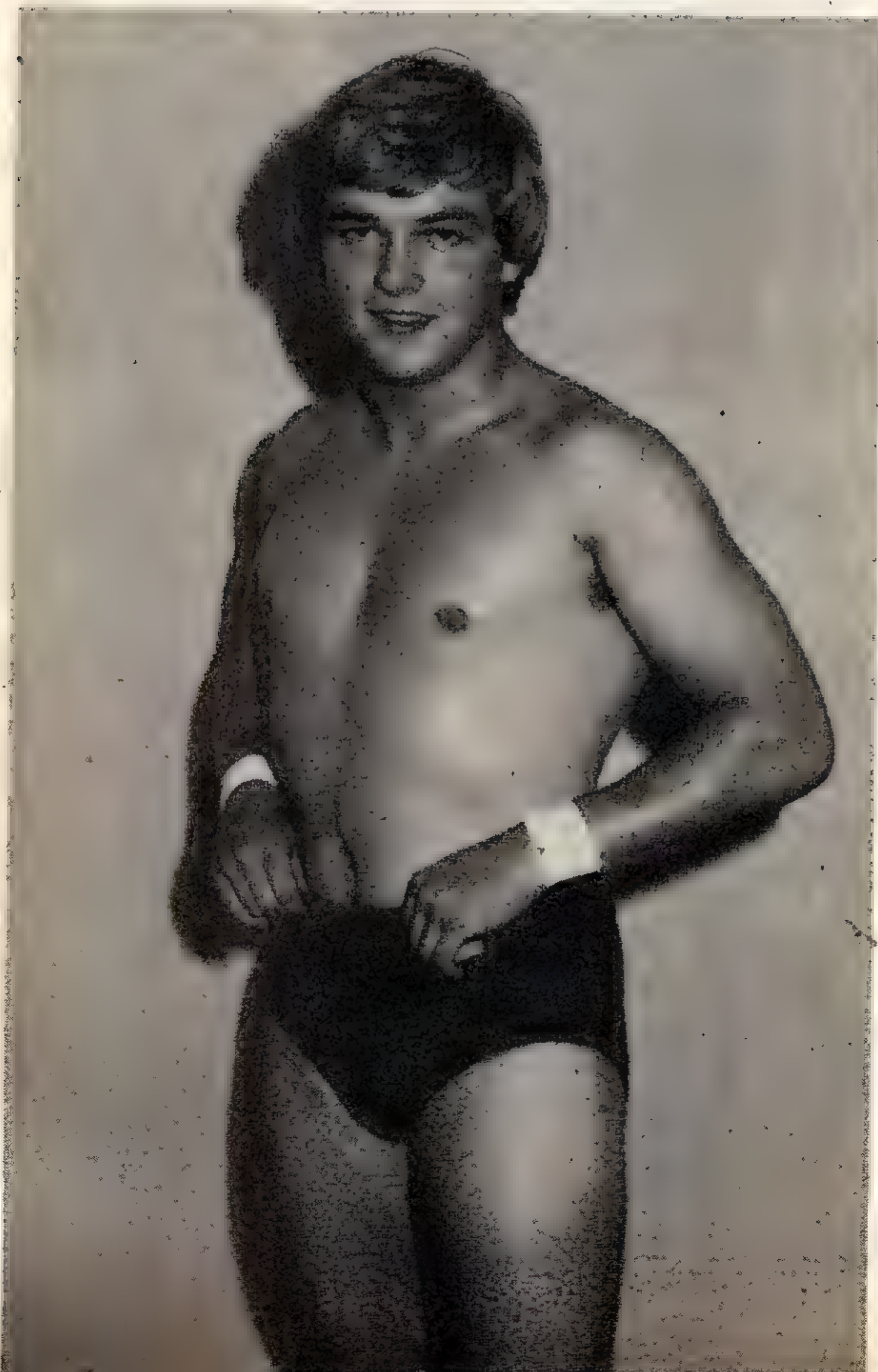
Gilbert is one young man who definitely

knows where he is going. He is a great wrestler, who looks like he has been wrestling for years.

I expect to see great things from this young man in the future. I predict that he will one day be world champion.

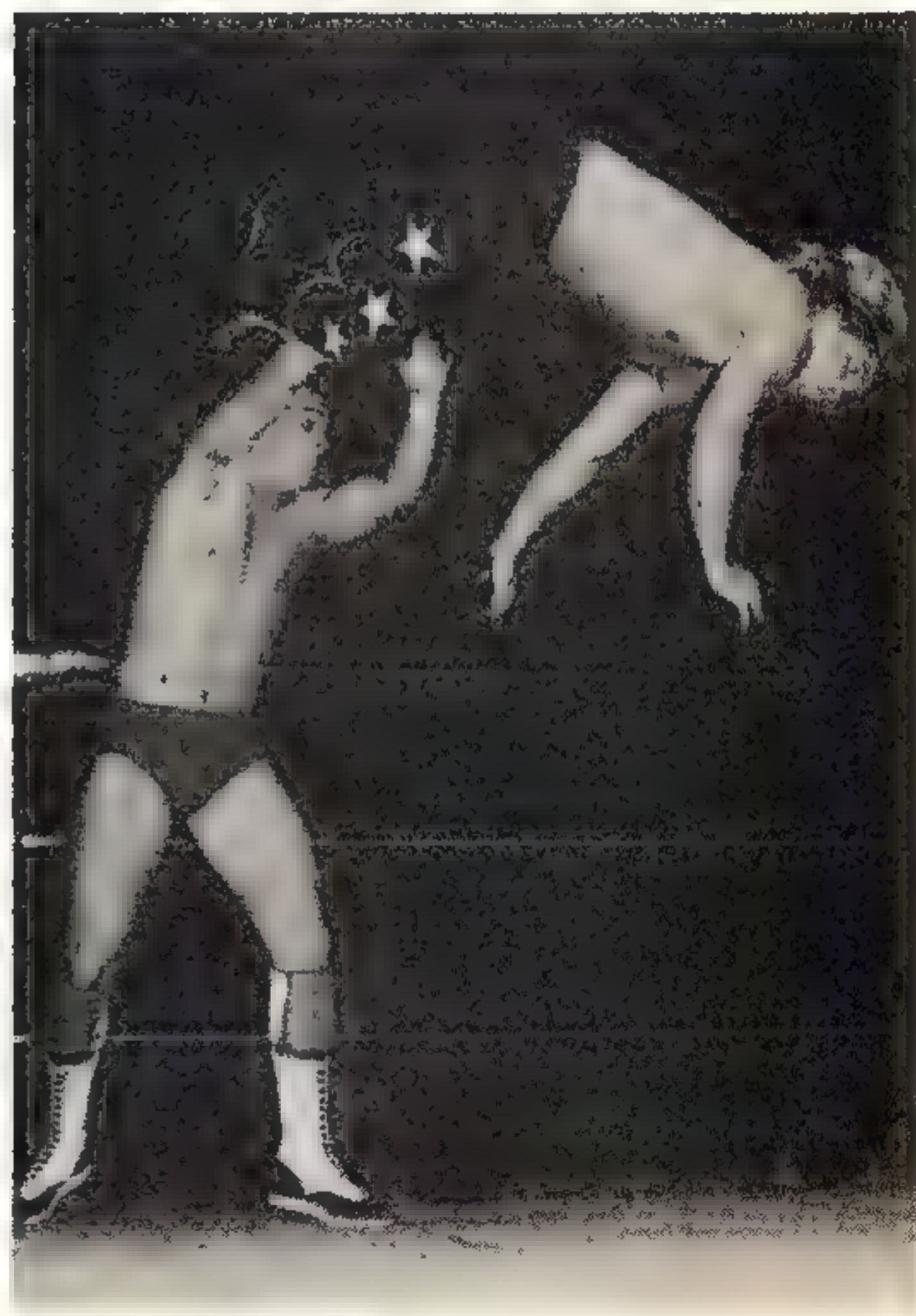
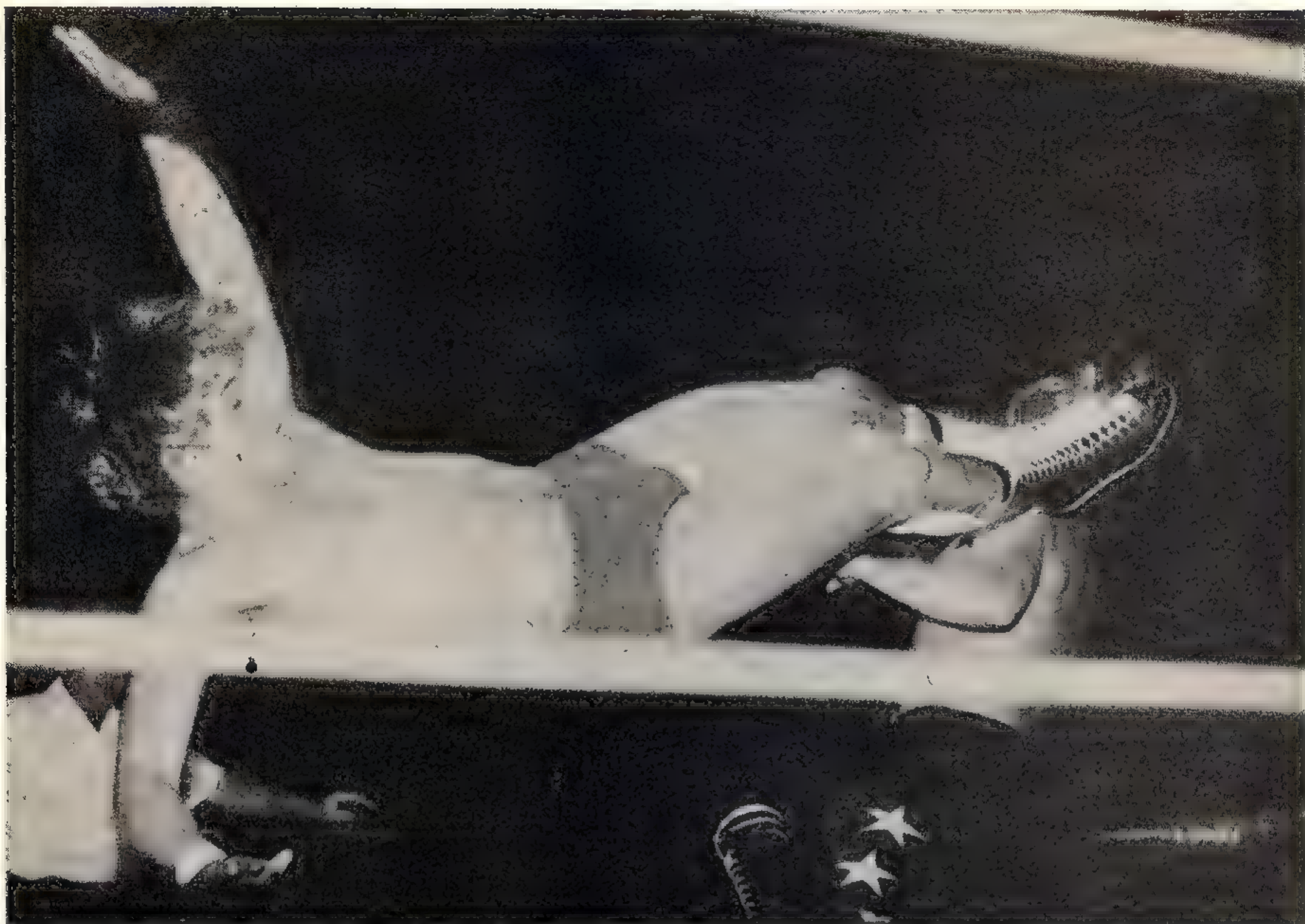
The skill and dedication that he has surely will take him to the top.

If the opportunity comes your way to watch him in action, go — you'll see one of the greatest; he is remarkable! □



Eddie with his father Tommy. A pair of men who are proud of each other's achievements.

WFIA's "Rookie of the Year — 1979" Eddie Gilbert.



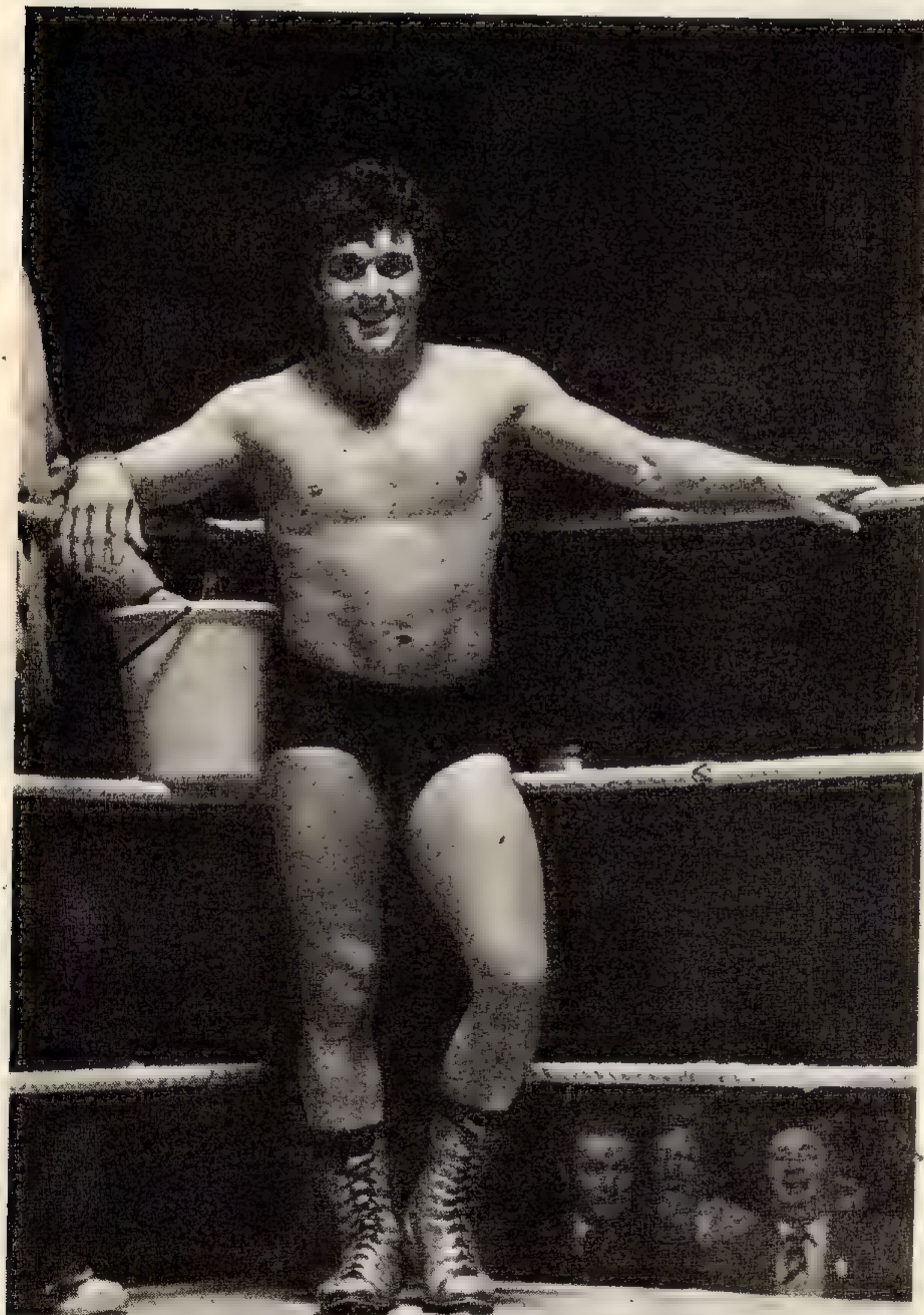
These photos from his match with Ken Wayne give a good idea of his all-around wrestling skills. Speed and agility, plus knowledge, make him a classic wrestling stylist.

British Mat Scene

By EVAN R. TREHARNE

Welcome back to heavyweight Steve Veidor, once again to be seen on TV programs, to the delight of wrestling fans everywhere.

When Steve took on the powerful John Elijah, it was indeed a wrestling treat with both men excelling themselves in a really tremendous bout, won by Veidor — two falls to one.



One of the best of the smaller men is British lightweight champion Steve Grey who has set his sight on welterweight ruler Jim Breaks.

Spiros Arion, of the U.S.A. the National Wrestling Association world heavyweight champion, continued his victorious if brawling ring exploits. Having already accounted for several of our top British heavyweights, he went into action against Romany Riley (217 lbs.) with Arion coming in at 238 lbs.

The American, it appears, has taken over where Mighty John Quinn left off. Quinn was soundly thrashed into defeat after only 1 min. 40 secs. by Big Daddy, the pride and joy of British wrestling. Already ardent wrestling fans are asking Big Daddy to again account for another American invader to these shores.

Referee Max Ward is a big man, but he could do little to keep Arion under control, as Spiros used his all-in tactics throughout the bout. How can a British wrestler compete, using our free-style rules, against the American all-in. Every credit to Romany Riley for his gallant showing against such odds, and for his gaining the first fall of the match.

Arion equalized at the end of round three with an abdominal stretch submission. Although the bell sounded for 'round four' Riley was in no condition to continue, and Max Ward could do no other than award the bout to Spiros Arion — but not before the latter had received two public warnings for his unruly behavior.

In a sizzling tag-team match, Chris Adams and Ringo Rigby stunned the far more experienced Mick McManus and Steve Logan by soundly defeating them. Ringo neatly scored a folding press over McManus.

Chris Adams hurt himself with some of his drop-kicks, which were badly timed, and on one such occasion, McManus took full advantage of an opening to score a submission from a single Boston hold. To complete a good job of work, Chris made good use of a drop-kick to the back of Logan's head, and he quickly followed up with a body slam and press to win the bout 2 falls to 1.

Spiros Arion gained himself two public warnings while engaged in a blistering affair with Wayne Bridges. In addition to breaking every rule one can think of, Spiros used enough foul tactics to get himself disqualified several times over. Bridges in turn retaliated with some heavy and dubious moves, but it was no mistake when he smartly turned a move by the American into an advantage, and gained a cross-press fall to win.

Referee Joe D'Orazio was far too lenient with the American wrestler, and was too busy trying to replace a padding on a post,



European middleweight titleholder Mal Sanders tries to figure out how he can get a grip on world welterweight champion Johnny Saint.

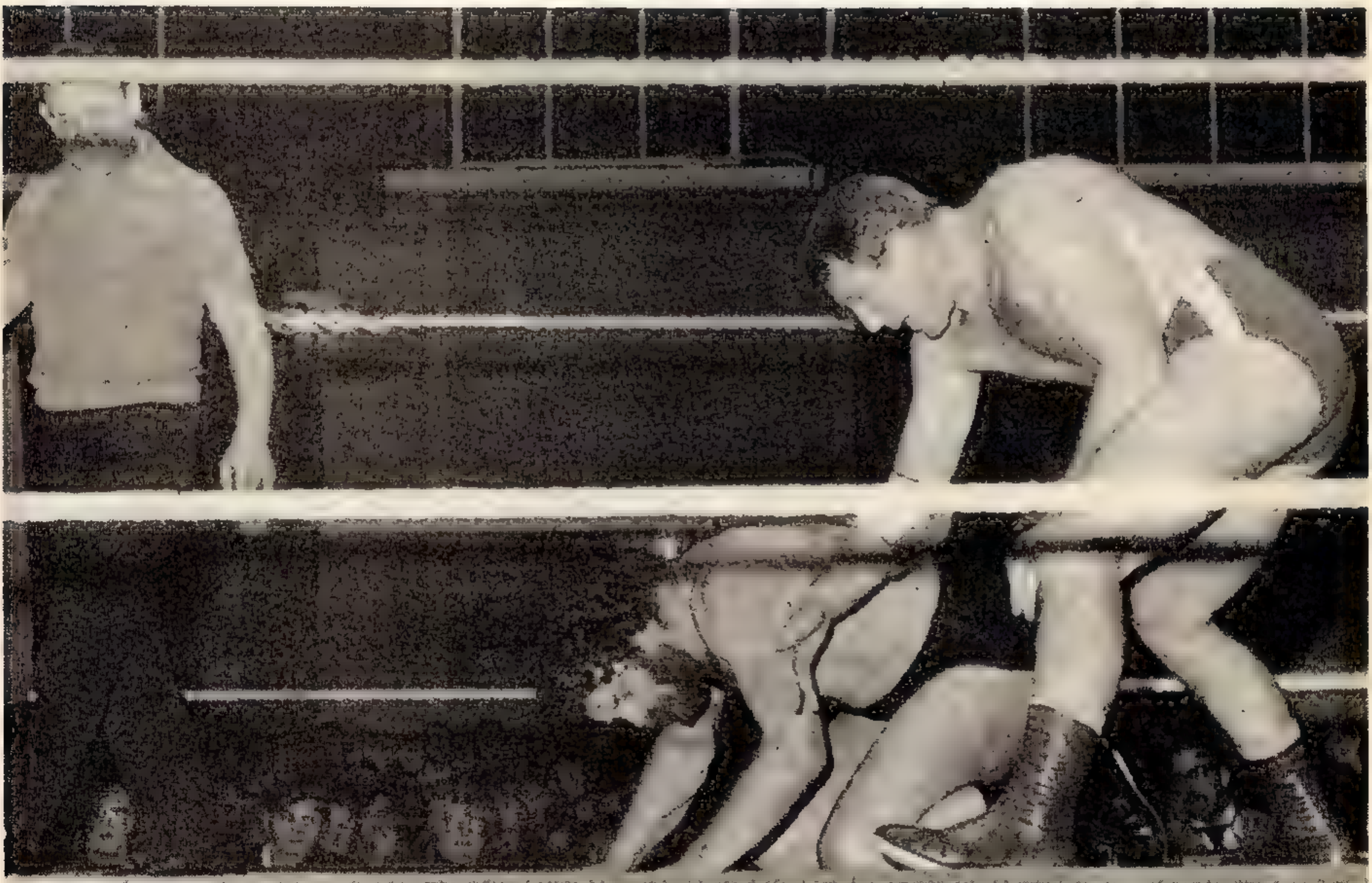
and as a result Bridges had to hold his man for at least 8 seconds before the count of 'three' over Arion. Such a thing would have caused a riot in boxing. But a boxing referee would concern himself more with watching the contestants than trying ring repairs.

It doesn't say in either boxing or wrestling rules what a referee should do in such a case, but I know for certain a boxing referee would stop the bout until ring repairs had been made. The crowd would accept this, but would a wrestling crowd accept such a stoppage? I doubt it very much. Thus, what is any poor wrestling referee to do under such circumstances?

Chatting recently to Mal Sanders, the European welterweight champion, he told me just how much he admired Spanish Chato Pastor of Valencia, who gave him such a tough battle when Mal defended his title against the short but vastly experienced Spanish ringman.

My view of Chato Pastor is also very high, and the fact Mal Sanders won over such a fine matman and previously took the title from Mick McManus, means Mal himself has justly earned the proud position he holds in British wrestling today.

When British middleweight champion



Pat Roach is sent spinning to the canvas under the assault of Pete Roberts during their heavyweight set-to.

Brian Maxine joined forces with Pete Roberts to form a tag-team, wrestling fans took to them as a duck takes to water. Let's hope we see a lot more of these men as tag-team partners.

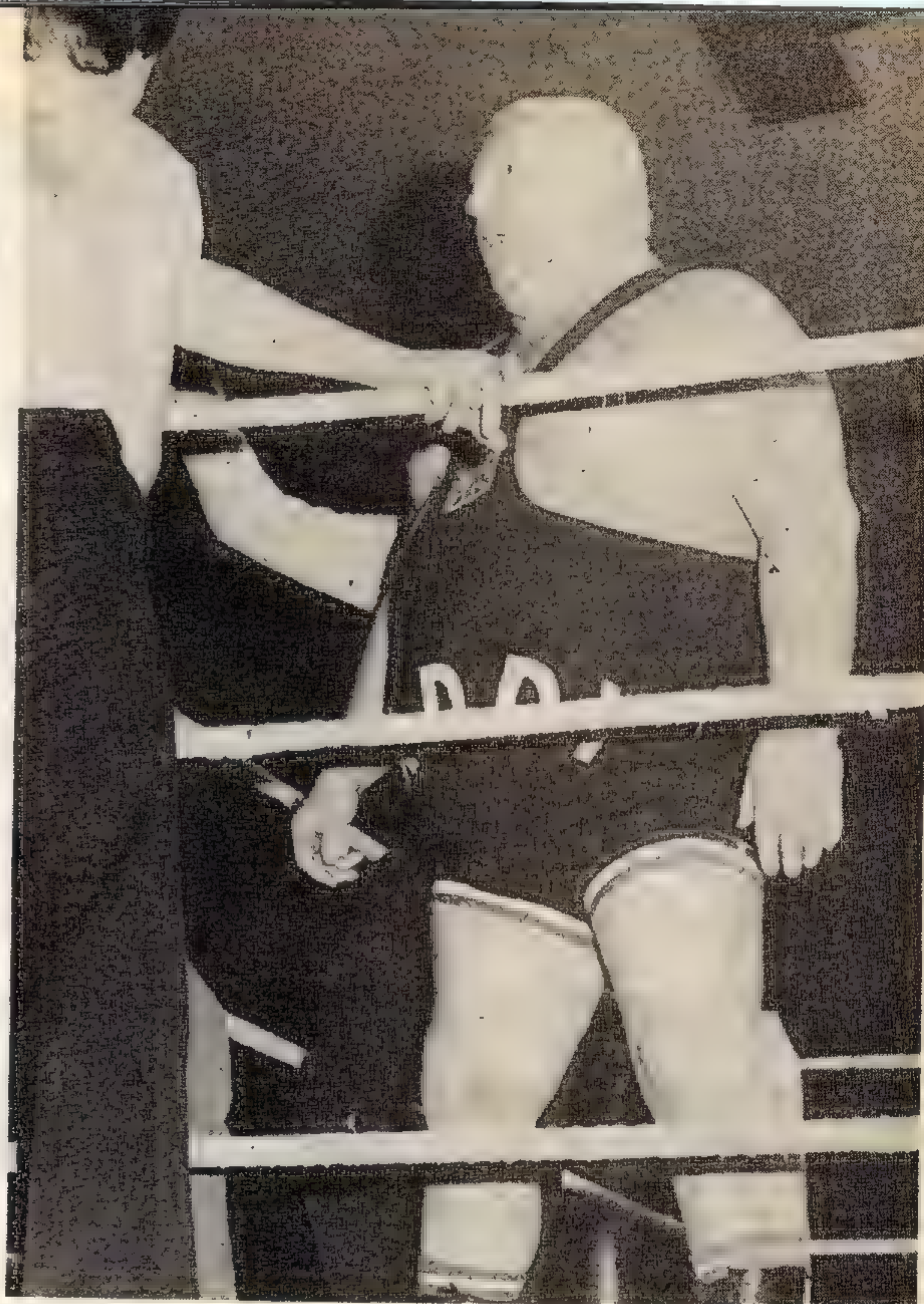
'Giant Haystacks' is 6'11" and at last count has increased his weight to 36 stone. (504 lbs.) He isn't a man he's a mountain, and even 'Big Daddy' bounces off 'Haystacks' when trying a shoulder charge. So what chance has normal-size heavyweight have of making any impression, as 'Big Daddy' is himself 25 stone. (350 lbs.).

British lightweight champion Steve Grey made a brave attempt to gain the welterweight crown when he met former champion Jim Breaks for the vacant title. Steve almost had the championship in his keeping until he fell from the ring. However, Steve still believes he can become welterweight champion whenever he's given another title chance. Mike Jourdan is already measuring Steve's lightweight crown for size and can come in strong at the weight.

Brian Maxine is keen to have a crack at the heavy-middleweight title, and is clamoring for a match against the champion Mark Rocco.

Pete Roberts, on average, is only a few pounds over the light-heavyweight poundage, and it would be an easy matter for him to make the 198 lbs. He was already proved he has the measure of the champion Marty Jones in two non-title bouts. At least, I doubt if making the limit would weaken Pete Roberts enough to detract from his chances of success.

Heavyweight champion Tony St. Clair keeps busy, and he doesn't lack for challengers. Former champion 'Mighty Haystacks' is forever shouting from ring-side that he deserves a title match, and giant Pat Roach must always be considered as a serious and worthy contender. □



One of the more popular grapplers is "Big Daddy", a 350-pound giant with great crowd appeal.

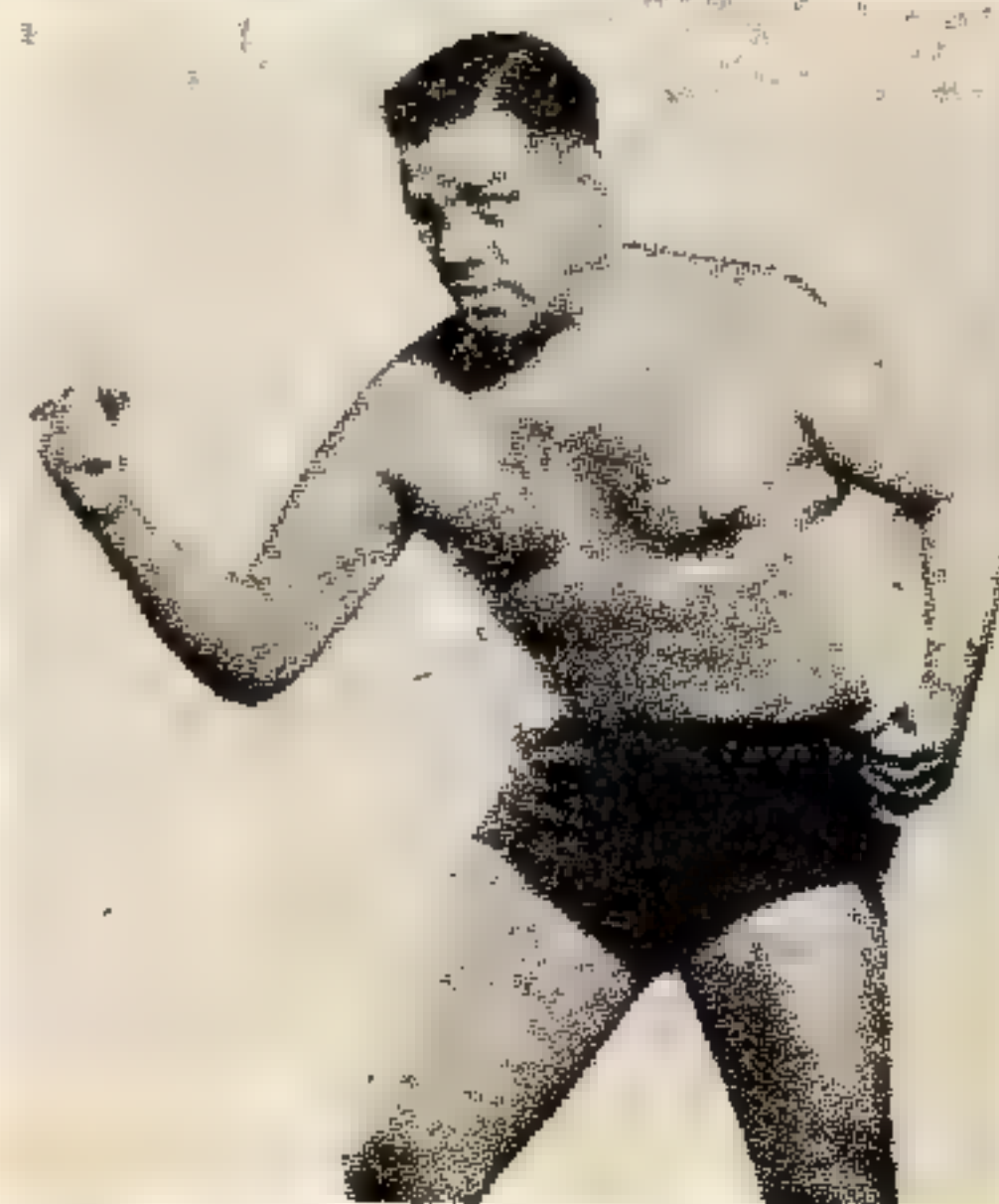
GOODYE BILL!

The final count has been tolled over 'Bulldog' Bill Garmon, at the age of 71 years. Bill had been my good friend these past 35 years, and for the last three years had been confined to a wheelchair in hospital.

In his heyday, Bill wrestled from Mexico, through the U.S.A. and Canada. He wrestled throughout Europe, and in 1934 won the British heavyweight title. Twice he fought Jack Sherry for the world heavyweight title, but as great as Bill was, Sherry had the better of two terrific battles.

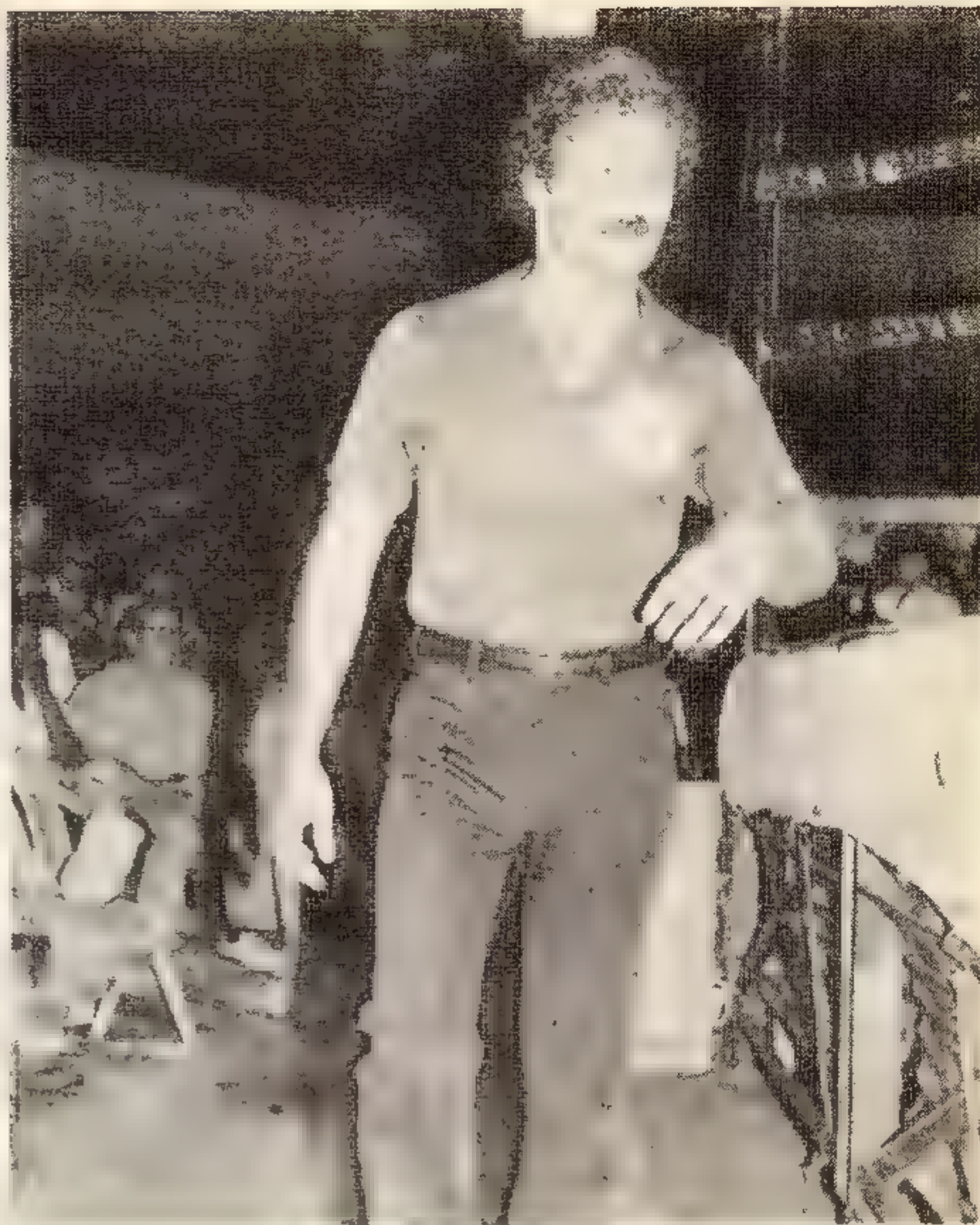
Bill had been a very powerful man at 5'8" and commenced wrestling at 14 stone (196 lbs.) but towards the end of his career he scaled 18 stone (252 lbs.).

We spent many happy hours when he would recall his wrestling exploits all over the world, while visiting his home at Fishguard, Wales. British wrestling has lost one of its truly 'greats'.





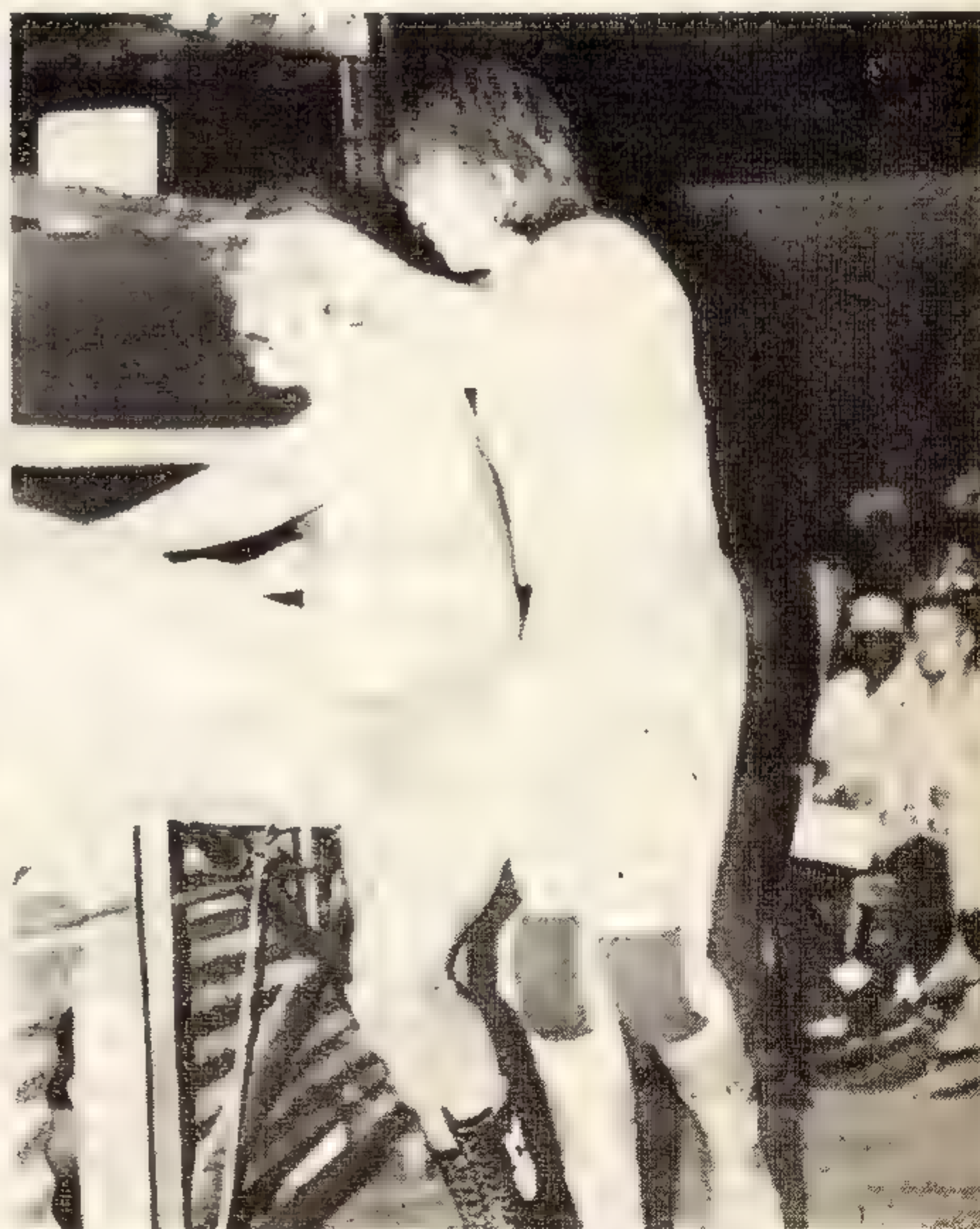
Southern California fans really get into the action. Here one female spectator shows what she thinks of Bull Ramos.



One of the top referees in Southern California — Bobby Bockwinkle, younger brother of Nick.



Bull Ramos uses a chair in a vain effort to subdue Mil Mascaras.



The two younger Guerrero brothers, Hector and Mando, often team up as tag partners.

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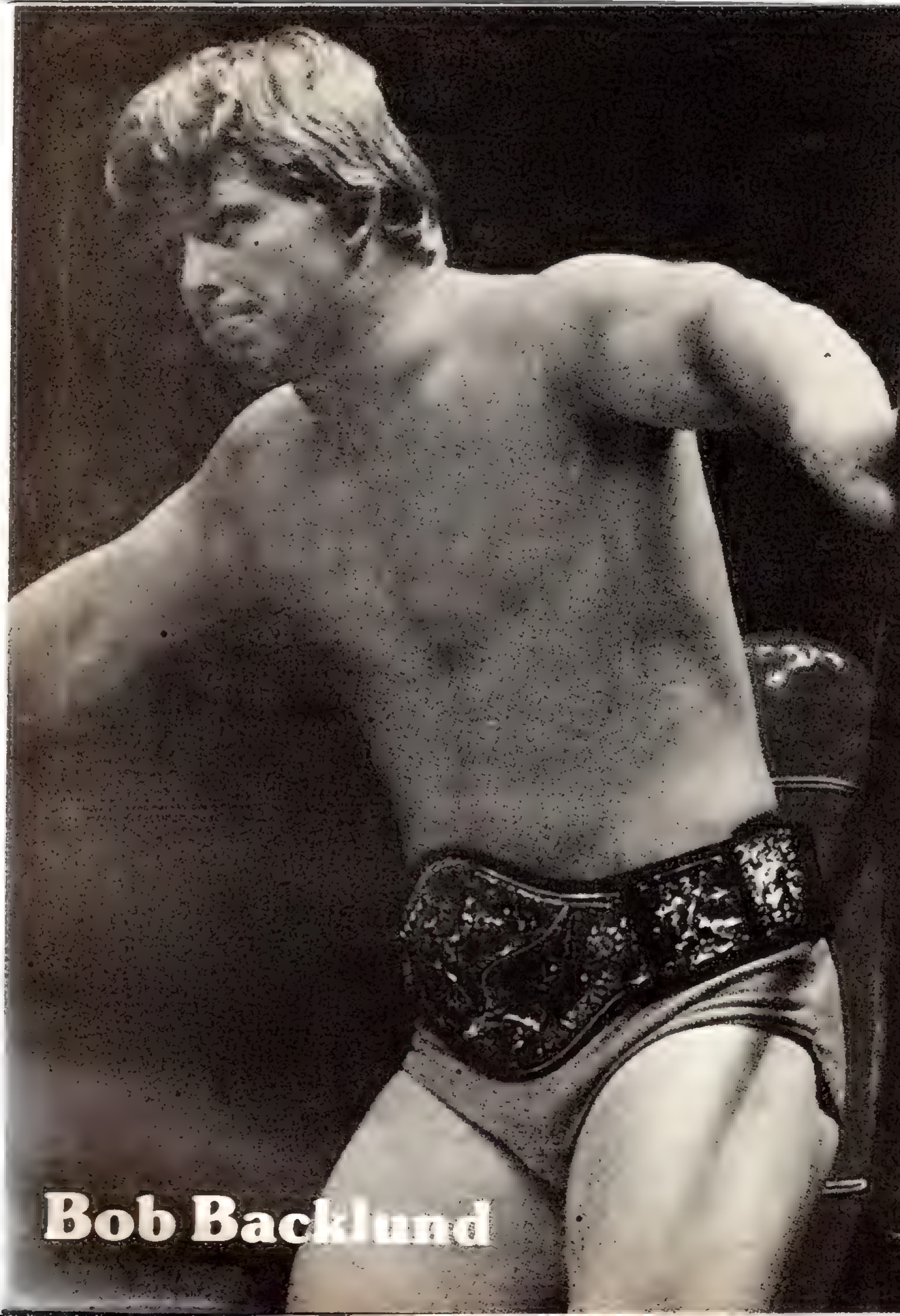


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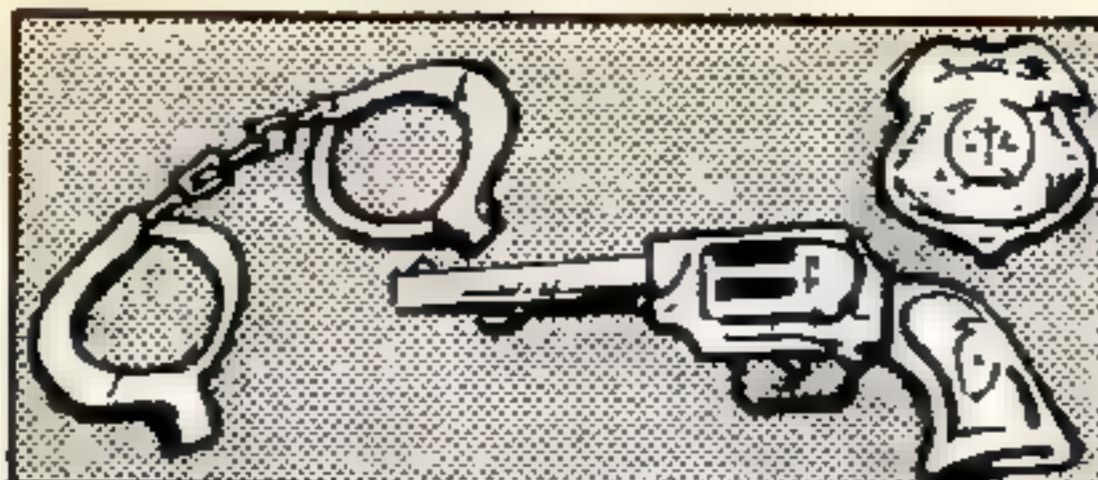
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Bob Backlund

WRESTLING REVUE PIN-UP

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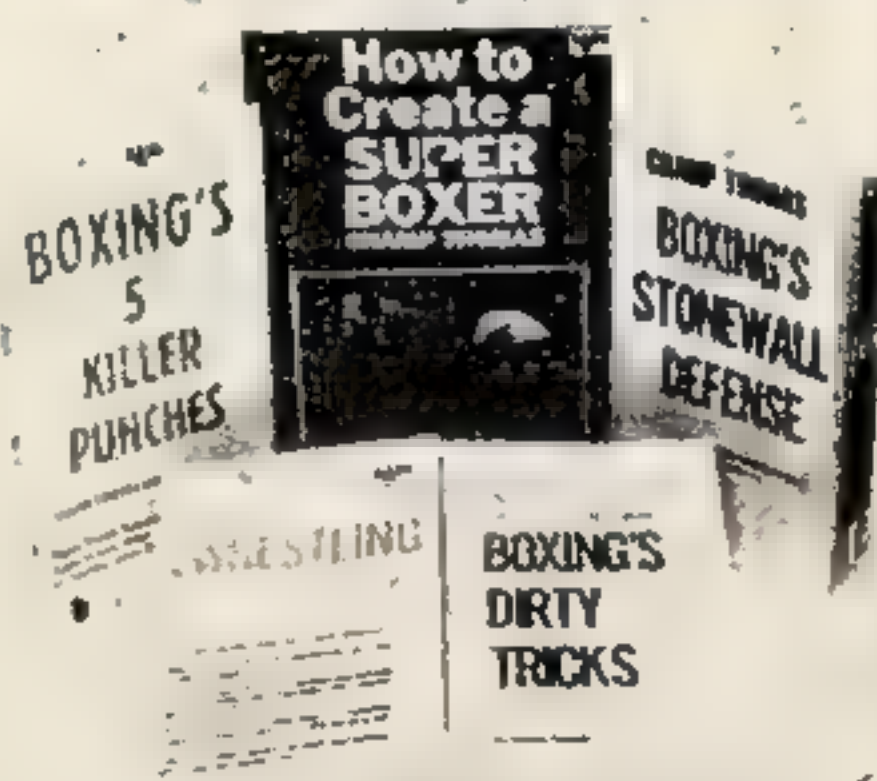
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Jay Rosen (left) our first "FAN OF THE MONTH", with wrestler Mark Tender, Jimmie Mack, and Lou Edwards.

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This month, the person chosen as the very first fan of the month is the very popular New York wrestling aficionado, Mr. Jay Rosen.

Jay has been a fan for years and years, and happens to be a very good friend of Ivan Putski, the Polish Hammer. "Jay is a good man," Putski recently advised WRESTLING REVUE. "Jay is there at all my big matches, and Putski appreciates having him at ringside. This gives Putski extra power, and even more desire to win my matches!"

Jay resides in Brooklyn, New York, and is well remembered for his wrestling radio talk show on WHBI. Jay and his friends Jimmy Mack and Lou Edwards presented, week after week, the very best in wrestling reporting.

"I was thrilled to hear that Jay Rosen is the first fan of the month," exclaimed fellow fan Kenny Castel. "It sure is a treat to get a rare golden moment to talk with Jay at Madison Square Garden, because Jay has the inside scoop on wrestling's biggest feuds and deals among the famous managers."

"Jay Rosen is a class man!" Lou Albano roared. And the Captain has very high standards on who he endorses."

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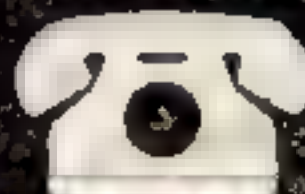
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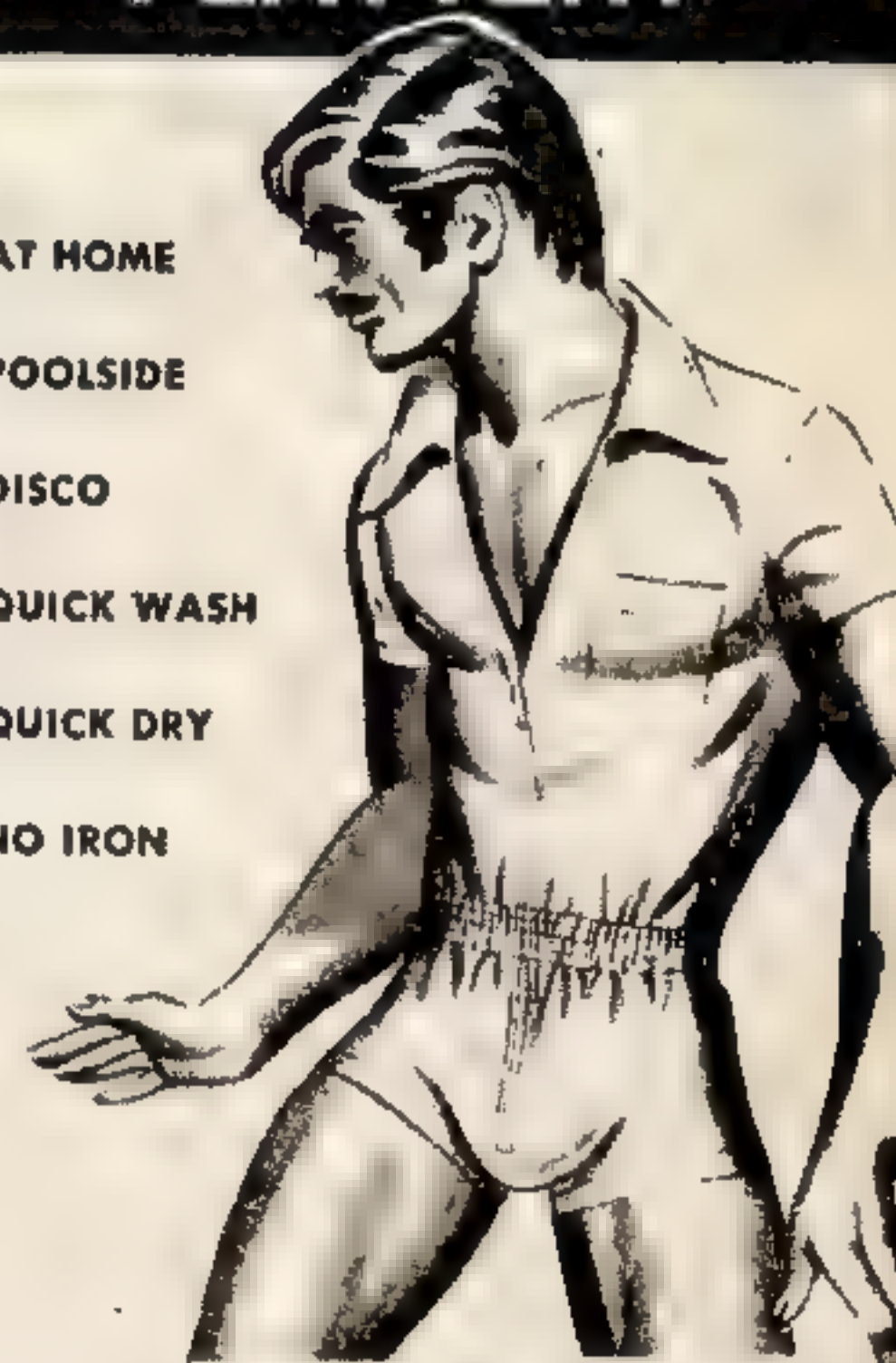
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By O.T. MATT

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DAVE — He may be, but he is tops as a tag-team partner. He's big, he's strong, and he's as mean as he could be.

WR — No question about that. What would you say in your travels has been your toughest bout ever?

DAVE — Let's see, I'll have to think back. I'd have to rate as a tough battle that freak of nature, Andre the Giant. He certainly is a freak of nature. He's tough, mainly because he's so big. I'd also have to rate the Funks, Billy Robinson, and Dusty Rhodes as my toughest battles.

WR — What about your college background? What sports did you play?

DAVE — Besides being a top professional wrestler, I happen to be an intellectual. I graduated in the top 10 of my college class — with honors. I didn't have to be a wrestler. I was a star football player, a defensive tackle for four years, and I was a wrestler. I could have gone to the Olympics, but I decided to turn pro. That's where the money is, and where you become known.

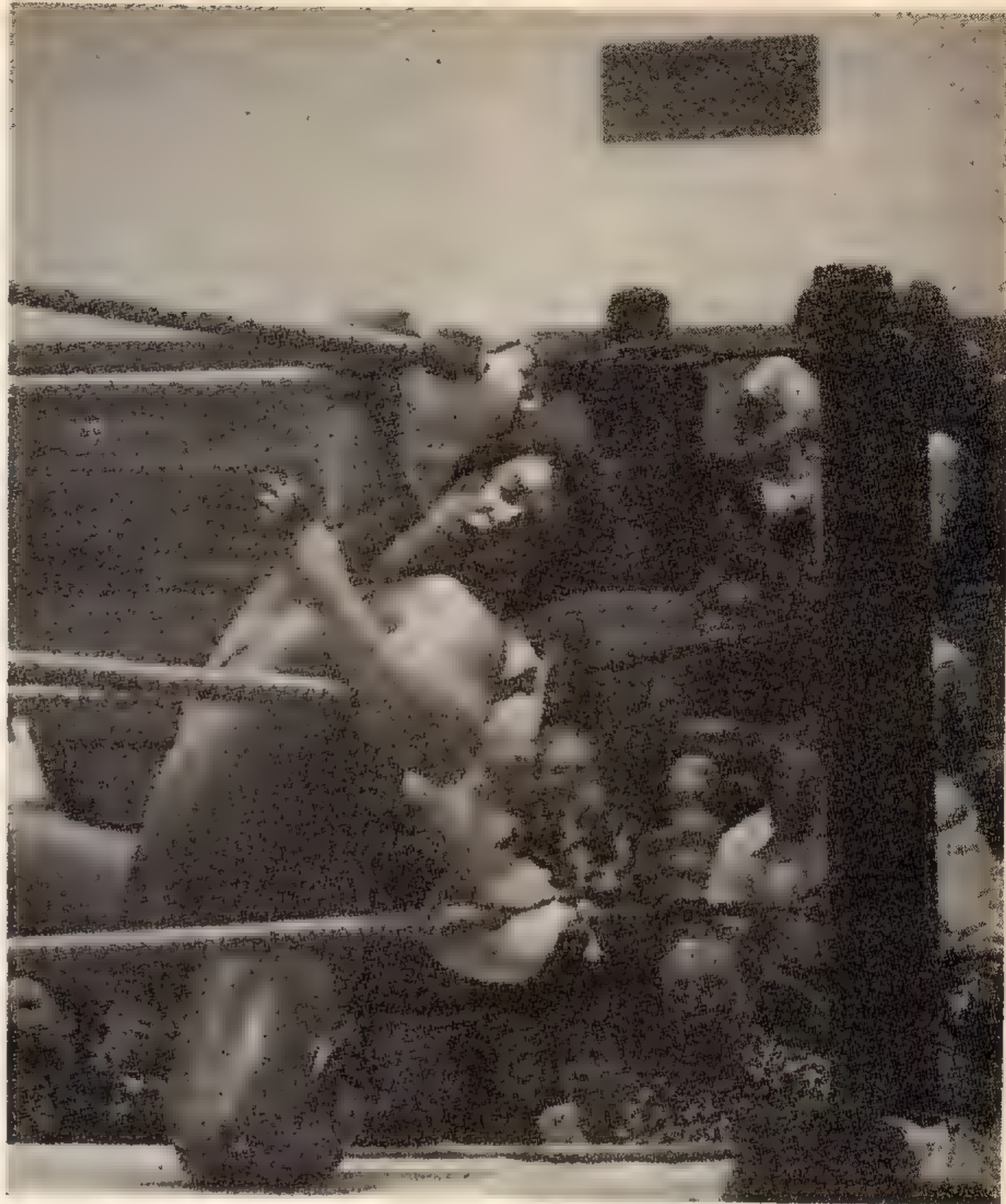
WR — I notice that your tactics have changed a bit since you started. Initially, Davy O'Hannon was a hand-shaker and a nice guy in the ring. Then I saw a complete turnaround. What's the story?

DAVE — You first saw Davy O as a young rookie. That was in 1972 before he learned the hard way. Well, he has learned the hard way, and he has some broken bones and some missing teeth and some scars he wasn't born with. Well, it's win at any cost now. If the people don't like it, well, they don't have to sit in their seats — but I admit it's tough to stay out when you're looking at the best. If you want quality and you know quality, you don't care by what means the win is made. If I have to break somebody's arm off, break their leg, or tear their eyes out, that is what is going to happen!

WR — In the process of breaking arms and legs, what are your favorite holds?

DAVE — My favorite hold is the vertical suplex. Once the vertical suplex is applied, it's all over. Other than that, the reverse spinning neckbreaker, taught to me by the number one manager in wrestling, Fred Blassie, is a great one.

WR — Oh, you get along with Fred Blassie, huh?



DAVE — Let me tell you, I wrestled Fred Blassie when I first broke into wrestling. I was on the other end of the spinning neckbreaker, and I realized how effective it was. Now I'm on the *giving* end.

WR — I believe that was when Fred Blassie was still a contender against Pedro Morales in the East?

DAVE — That's right. Fred Blassie is still a contender, incidentally if he wants to be. He just chooses to be a manager now.

WR — Are there any holds you believe should be out-lawed in wrestling?

DAVE — Chief Jay Strongbow's sleeper hold should be outlawed. It's a disgrace, an absolute disgrace! It could permanently damage someone, and I don't think he has the means to control it. He calls himself a wrestler...that's a laugh!

WR — I guess you'd like a match with Strongbow.

DAVE — I'd love a match with that feathered freak!

WR — Do you have any plans to go to Texas and keep wiping up the mat in defense of the Brass Knucks title?

Stalling is one play that Dave uses to irk his opponents.

DAVE — You know what I hear? I hear that Terry Funk is in his backyard again. If Terry finds out that I'm going back there, I'm sure he's going to take off and run again. And his other brother, Dory Funk — the Punk Funk — if he finds out I'm coming, he'll take off too. I'd probably have to sneak down through New Mexico or something, or maybe through Louisiana.

WR — Some people think the Funks have had it. They have both had the title and lost it, and even when they held the title were involved in some very disputed tactics. Do you concur?

DAVE — The Funks aren't has-beens...they are *never-wases*. Anybody who wrestles Davy O immediately becomes a has-been.

WR — I'd like your opinion on a few wrestlers. Some we have not yet spoken about.

DAVE — Sure, Mike.

WR — Bob Backlund.

DAVE — Bob Backlund is an overrated amateur. He has never left the amateur ranks, and he never will.

WR — Spyros Arion, who is currently wiping up competition overseas.

DAVE — Spyros Arion is a top-shelf man. He knows how to handle himself. He is always poised.

WR — He is ranked as one of the Top 10 in the world today.

DAVE — And well he should be!

WR — Bruno Sammartino...I don't believe that we have touched upon him yet.

DAVE — Well, I am sorry I have to disappoint a lot of people; but it's all over for Bruno. The protection finally ended when he lost the World Wrestling Federation belt to Superstar Billy Graham. Now he is behind the microphone working with Vince McMahon Jr., an appropriate spot for him.

WR — Johnny Rodz.

DAVE — Johnny Rodz is one of the most underrated men in wrestling today. Johnny has the strength of a tiger, the courage of a lion, and happens to be one of the greatest wrestlers around.

WR — Billy Robinson.

DAVE — I must admit that he's quite an accomplished wrestler — if he keeps it up, he'll one day be almost as accomplished as Davy O!

WR — Is there any other wrestler you would like to comment on?

DAVE — Yes, but not by name. The fellow I put away in less than three minutes last night, and who was carried out on a stretcher. I don't want to embarrass him in the world's biggest wrestling magazine, but he knows who he is — because he'll remember that match for a long, long time. I'd like to tell him that he shouldn't have made Davy O angry during the ref's instructions, because that earned him not one but *two* spinning neckbreakers. He can think about his attitude as he recuperates over the next five or six months. And if he dares sign a contract with Davy O as his opponent again, next time I'll put him out of wrestling for good!

WR — Is there anything you'd like to say to the East Coast mat fans about your recent return?

DAVE — The East Coast fans had better buy their tickets early for local mat shows *now*. Because as soon as the word gets out to the media that Davy O is Black, there's not going to be a seat left. They're going to be standing outside of the windows looking in. They're going to be standing on their cars. They'll be ripping down the doors to see the great Davy O!

WR — Thanks, Dave. It has been a real pleasure.

DAVE — It certainly has been *your* pleasure. Thank you. □

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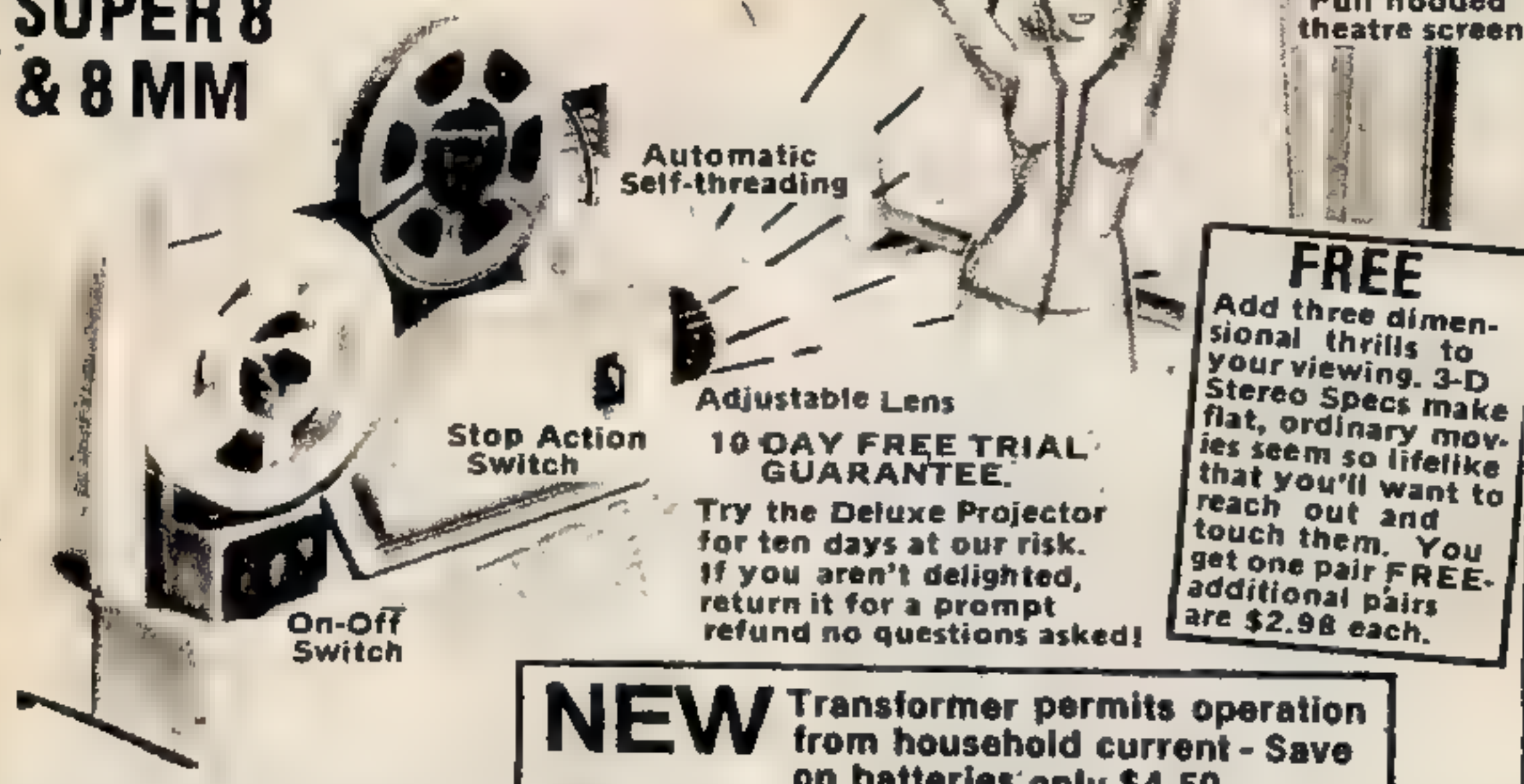
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The big news is the 13th Annual W.F.I.A. Convention will be held at the Radisson Inn, Atlanta, July 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. That's a Thursday, Friday, Saturday and ending Sunday about noon. We have obtained a special rate at the hotel and all bookings must be made through the W.F.I.A. no later than June 25th, in order to obtain the flat rate of only \$36. per room (nearly 25% discount). Get your reservations in early. Start planning now... More details in next newsletter.

Lots of problems in securing hotels for conventions: Marilea Niedzial, Lenny Burstein and I flew into Atlanta in October and checked out 7 hotels. It takes between two and four hours minimum to view the property, so for three days we were really on the go. Then in November Judy and I drove to Atlanta and checked out a couple more and also revisited the leading contenders from the previous visit. Then it's time for serious discussion on various rates, rooms etc...

Recently World Champion (NWA) Harley Race lost his title twice. On Aug. 21st in Tampa, Fla., Race was upset by Dusty Rhodes. Then on Aug. 26th Race defeated Rhodes in Orlando. On Oct. 31st in Nagoya, Japan, Race was dethroned by Shohei "Giant" Baba. Then on Nov. 7th, Race regained the NWA gold belt in Amagaseki. Sounds like a tough year for Race...

This month marks the 34th anniversary for Sam Muchnick, St. Louis promoter. Mr. Muchnick has been a close friend of mine as well as to the W.F.I.A. Congratulations, Sam!...

More tragedy has hit Johnny Valentine. A few years ago Johnny was paralyzed after an airplane crash, then, recently in San Antonio, Texas, had a kneecap shattered by a truck which sideswiped him. His many fans wish him a speedy recovery....

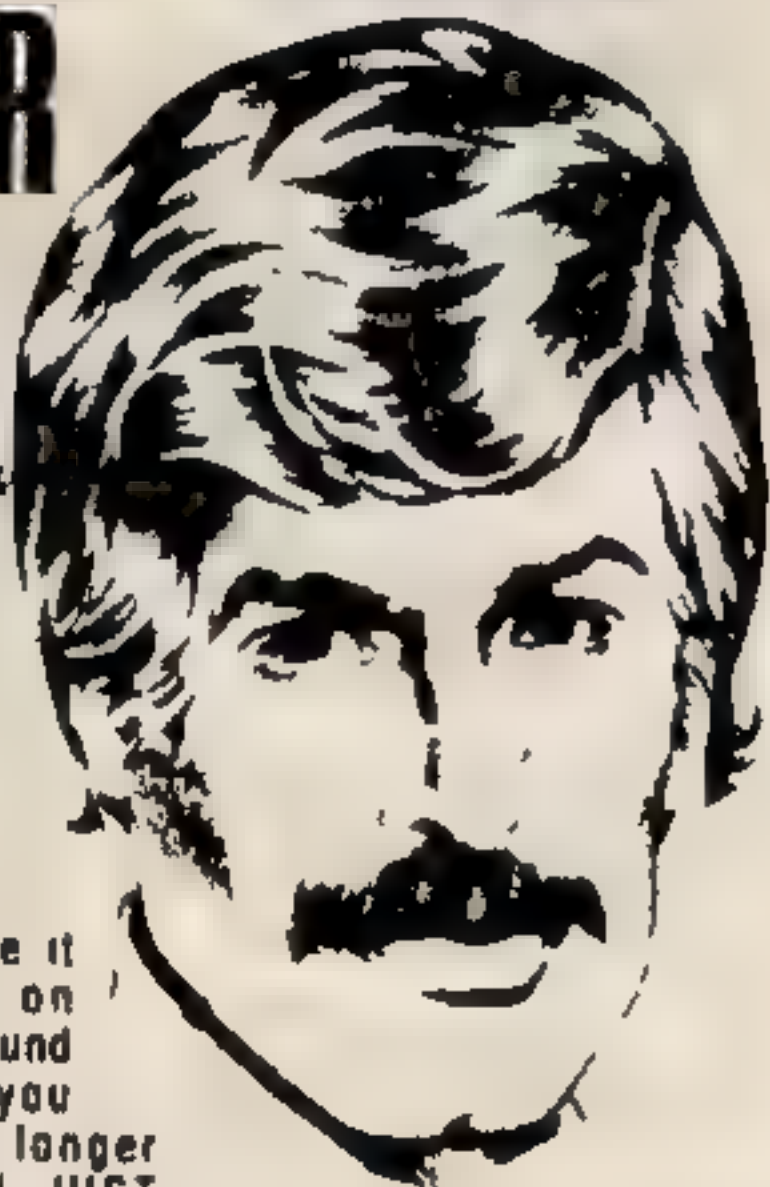
Former grappler Dick Raines passed away. His last event of which we have a record was against Otto Kuss in 1951.

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By JESS HERNANDEZ

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"I was extremely honored and excited to meet Danny Lopez, the featherweight champion, and Alexis Arguello," said Jim. A dedicated and distinguished mat commissioner, Jim Balukevich has rubbed

elbows with sport's finest dignitaries. "I've always been a wrestling fan and remember the mat greats who performed on the East Coast. I recall Jimmy Londos, Ed Don George, Strangler Lewis, Ray



Jim Balukevich(r) with Mike Mazurki who along with "Hard-Boiled" Haggerty were honored by the Cauliflower Club.

Steel. I recall one night at the Boston Gardens in 1935 when Danno O'Mahoney beat Jim Londos for the world's championship," said Jim.

Jim Balukevich has jetted across the world attending wrestling meetings. "Wrestling promoters would be doing wrestling a great disservice if they didn't feature the top-notch matmen in small rural towns in the U.S. Wrestling needs the fans in small towns to make the sport the world's most exciting event," replied Jim.

There isn't anybody in wrestling today who takes more pride in honoring the greats of boxing and wrestling than affable Mr. Balukevich. "I guess I have presented more trophies, medallions, plaques and scrolls to sports heroes than any living person. I just recently awarded trophies at the New Jersey Hall of Fame. Among the honorees were Jersey Joe Walcott, Freddie Cochrane, Mickey Walker and Ike Williams."

A memorable day in the colorful life of Jim Balukevich took place on the afternoon of August 22, 1979 in Burbank, Calif. That was the day that Jim honored "Count" Billy Varga, the "Hungarian Adonis", at the Cauliflower Alley Club. Varga succeeded "Dangerous" Danny McShain as world champion in 1948. In 1946, Varga relieved the late Gorgeous George as Pacific Coast light-heavyweight kingpin.

Balukevich also bestowed honors on Maria Bernardi, the ex-female mat champion. "Maria is one of the most dedicated and honored ladies in sports," commented Jim. On hand to receive a tribute from Balukevich was Mildred Burke, the nonpareil ex-women's mat titleholder who ruled supreme from 1936 to her retirement in the 1950s. Ex-wrestling commissioner Everett Sanders was also honored along with Willie "Gorilla" Jones, Vince Barbi, Dick Mastro, Alex McDonald, Jimmy McLarnin, Hugh Sublett, Jack Stantley.

The world of wrestling needs more dedicated men like Jim Balukevich. Jim gives unselfishly of himself in his job of wrestling ambassador. "One of my most regretful experiences is not having honored the great Jim Londos before he died in 1974. It was grapplers like Londos who made the mat sport the exciting and thrilling spectacle it is today," exclaimed Jim.

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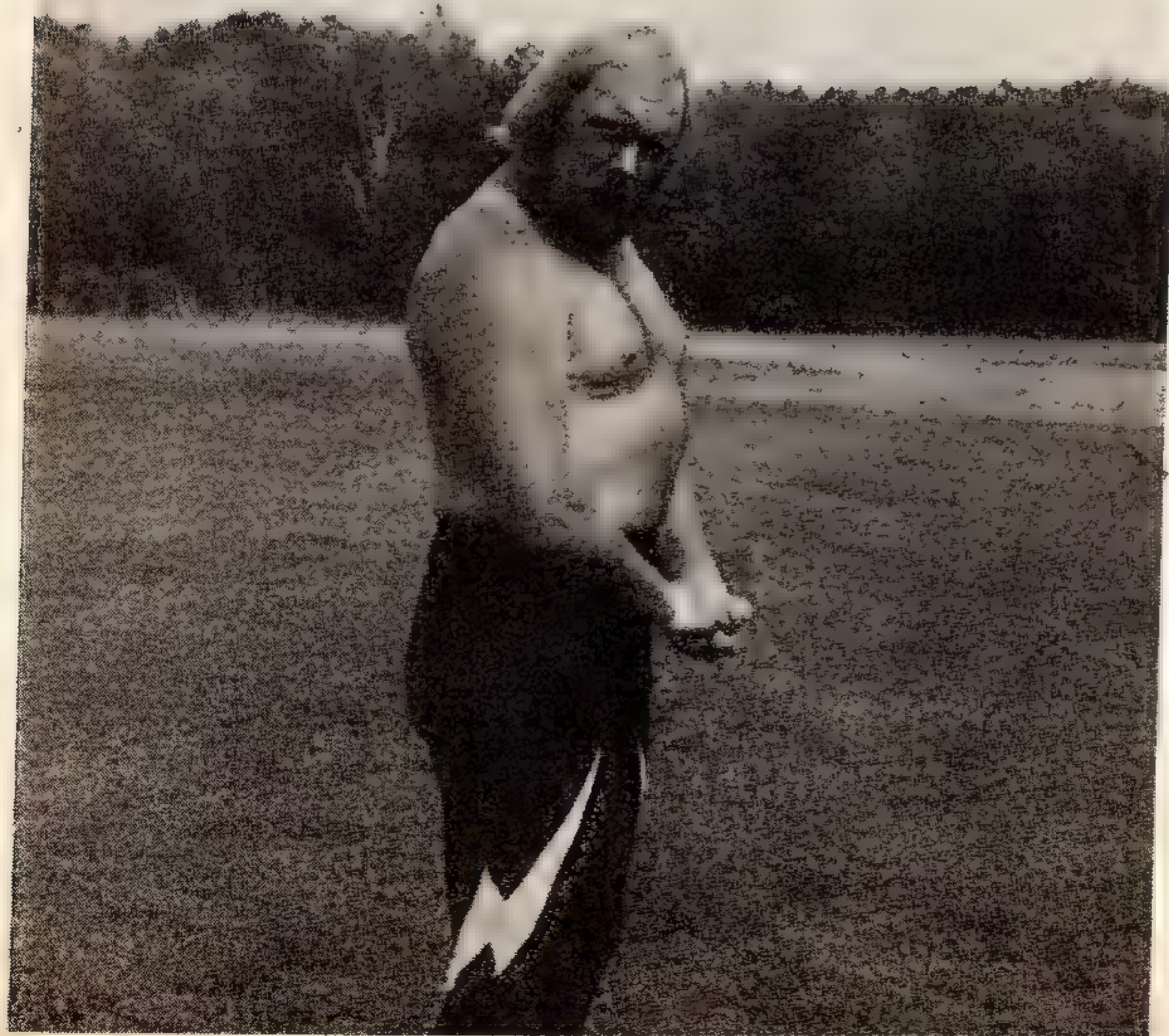
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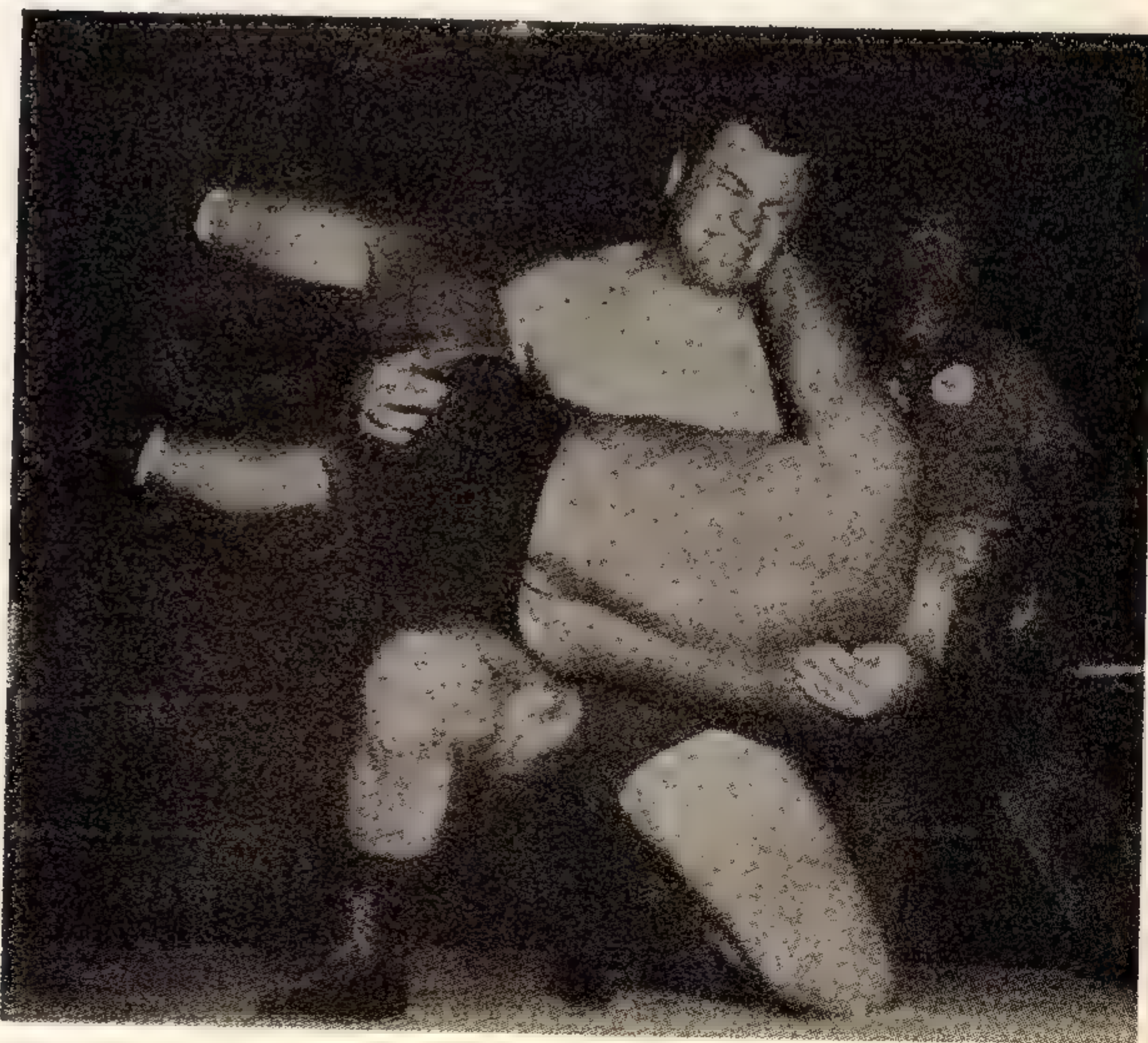
WORLDWIDE MAT ACTION...

By RON GRAU & SCOTT STEVENS



Ivan Koloff, recent winner of tag-team
title in Atlanta with Alexis Smirnoff.

"Bulldog" Brower — the referees are
putting a stop to his illegal tactics.



Ex-champ Gene Kiniski, looking for another shot at the crown.

Lots going on around the mat world these days, so let's get right to all of the latest news...

Correspondent Lenny Dauber reports a whole flock of title changes. Ivan Koloff and Alexis Smirnoff, he reports, won the Georgia Tag-team Championship in Atlanta, while the muscular Austin Idol copped the Georgia State TV Championship. Idol had better watch it, though — we hear that former N.W.A. world champion Jack Brisco is hot on his heels, as is the popular Kevin Sullivan.

Stan Laine and Brian St. John captured the Florida Tag-team Championship, while the very capable Buddy Rose won the Northwest Heavyweight belt. The Masked Superstar, in a very controversial battle, won the Georgia State Heavyweight Title from the sensational Tommy Rich, who no doubt is anxious for a rematch. Fans at ringside that night point out that the Superstar won only due to outside interference, and believe that it is only a matter of time before Rich regains his title.

Kevin Von Erich, one of Fritz' three sons, copped the Missouri State Championship. Kevin is making quite a name for himself in both single and tag bouts, teaming very successfully with his brother David.

The incomparable Spiros Arion, as close to invincible as any wrestler could be and for years ranked in the Top 10 of the entire world, won a version of the world championship in England.

Yet another championship reported, as Chavo Guerrero is once more recognized in California as America's champ, one of the most coveted titles in pro wrestling.

Pat Patterson and Captain Lou Albano feuding in the WWF back east. Seems as though Patterson, the Intercontinental Champion who was managed by Grand Wizard, was "sold" — his contract, that is — without his knowledge or approval to Lou Albano.

Patterson, fuming at this turn of events, took his case direct to nationwide TV, labeling Albano as "a disgrace and a fat slob", with "no class". Patterson, forced to team with the wild Samoans, also managed by Albano, found himself triple-teamed and bloodied in a sneak attack by his own corner. Patterson now can't wait to get his hands on Albano or the Samoans.

Hulk Hogan, a muscular giant managed by "Classy" Freddie Blassie, is destroying competition in short order on his national tour...Luscious Johnny Valiant and brother Gentleman Jerry have been unable to regain their WWF tag-team championship. They lost the belts to Ivan Putski & Tito Santanna shortly after a falling-out with former manager Lou Albano. My, that Albano causes problems all over!

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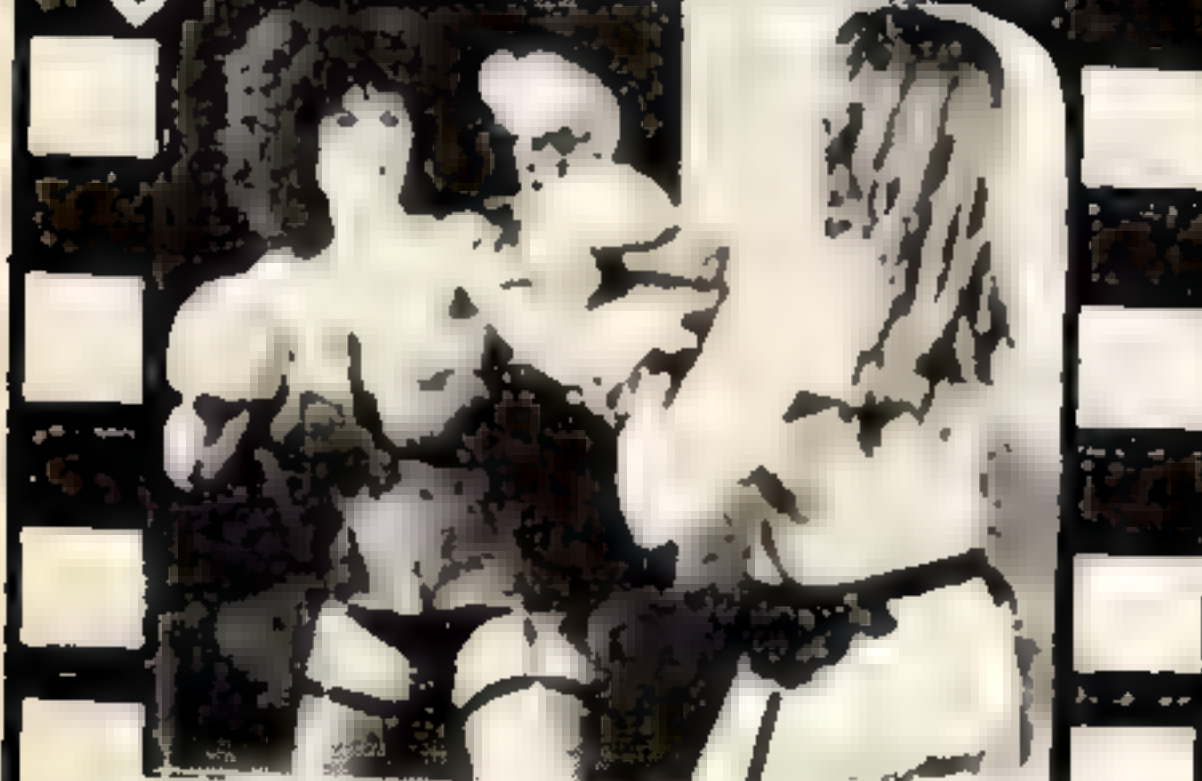
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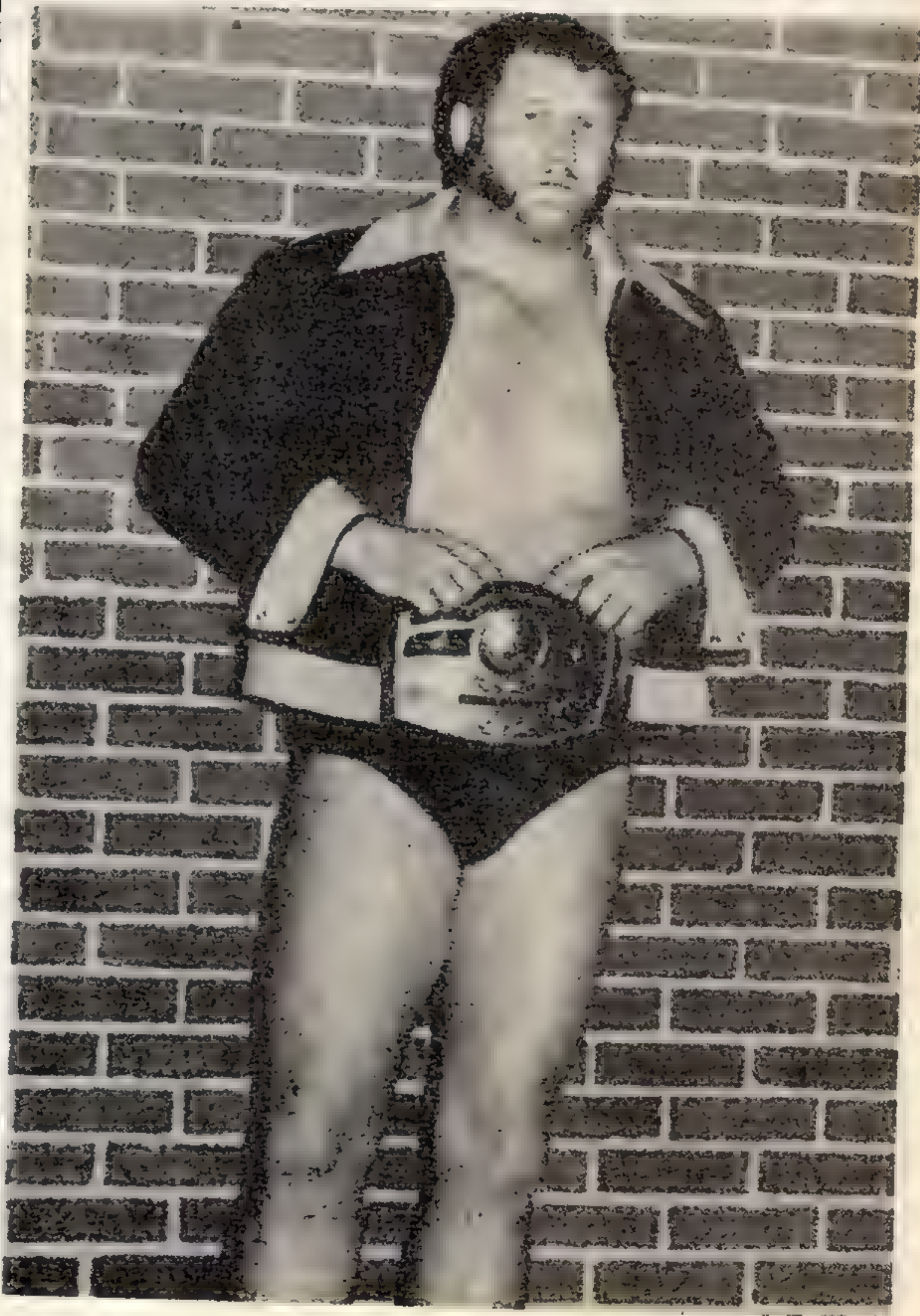
and what a formidable tag-team they make! they're stomping down south these days.

Yet another Anderson doing big things: Lars Anderson, a very capable grappler, is recognized by the newly formed World League Wrestling — WLW — as world champion, and has thus far turned back all challengers. World League Wrestling is unique, being telecast nationwide over the Satellite Programming Network via cable television, as well as outside of the U.S. Some other top WLW stars include The Big Bad O, the muscular Jamaican Charles Dufong, and the WLW Tag-team Champions, The Bruno Brothers, David and Joel.

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Victor Rivera is still playing the baddie in California. We all know that Vic can wrestle, but for some reason prefers gouging and punching. Quite a change from the Victor we knew years back...

Keep an eye on young Mike Masters, who is built like a powerhouse and no doubt will be quite a contender in the years



Harley Race, N.W.A. champion, is under a lot of pressure.

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Chavo Guerrero, once again recognized as "America" champion in California.

to come. Mike has been on the winning trail in the past year, and looks to more success in 1980 competition.

Our old friend Gary Cappetta, top ring announcer, is still traveling quite a bit to perform his duties in over 100 arenas. His schedule really can get tiring! And that's just reading it!!

N.W.A. champion Harley Race is really getting hit from all sides. Tommy Rich, the youngster who is cleaning up Georgia mats, missed the world title by three seconds. In a one-fall, one-hour-limit match, the bout went the full limit... then with pandemonium in the arena as Rich was polishing Race off, nobody heard the bell ring.

Rich pinned Race immediately at that point, and both Race and Rich thought that the belt had changed hands. However, it was then determined that the pin came immediately after the bell, and the belt was quickly returned to Race. Interestingly enough, Rich was not completely down, although obviously disappointed. Rich realized, as did the fans, that he had proven himself as a top contender, who does have the capabilities to one day become world champion.

The other fellas Harley Race is having problems with? Dusty Rhodes for one, the man who won the belt from Race last year and lost it back a week later to Race under controversial circumstances. Giant Baba in Japan is a thorn. Come to think of it, when You're N.W.A. champ, you get it from all sides.

One man who surely wants the world title again is Jack Brisco, who has been down that road before. Jack also seeks tag-team opportunities with brother Jerry.

The retired Killer Kowalski is keeping up with photography quite nicely, as the newspaper articles and features have been indicating lately. Kowalski is surely missed from the pro ranks...

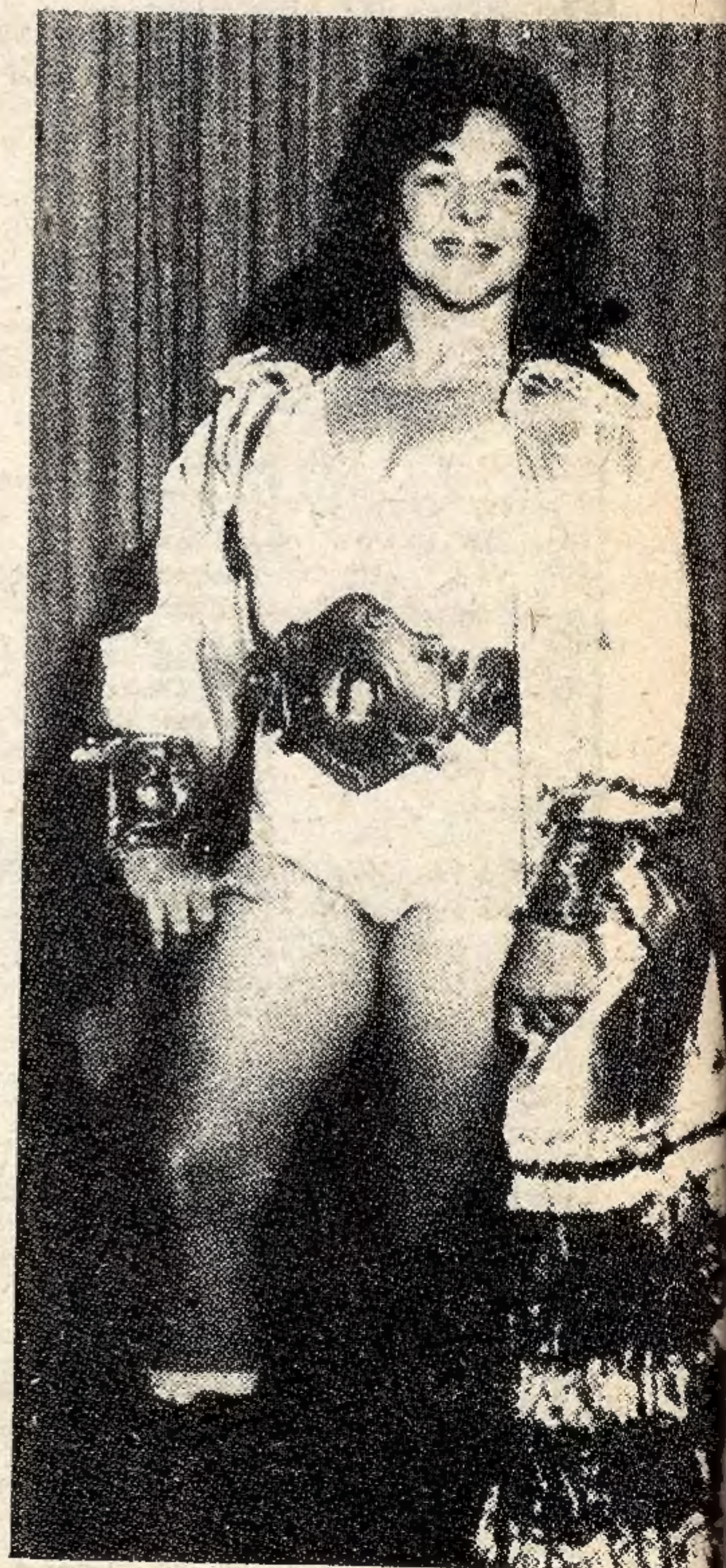
Fabulous Moolah is still world's women's champ — boy, is she amazing! ... Big Thunder Gene Kiniski, yet another former world champion of the N.W.A.,

would like to get another title shot. Remember Gene's classic battles with Bruno Sammartino in the 1960s for the WWF world title? It was a wild series, with both men facing some of their toughest battles. Bruno retained his title at the time, but had a few aches for his efforts...

Bulldog Brower had better watch it. His wild tactics have been resulting in a few disqualifications lately. The refs are cracking down in some spots...

Ref Jack Lotz is keeping quite busy. Not only that, but he now has a strong organized fan club. Lotz is a cagey veteran of the ring wars...

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Women's champion the Fabulous Moolah, still going strong.

NATIONWIDE WRESTLING RESULTS

LANDOVER, MARYLAND

(Correspondent Earl Elder) —

Bob Backlund flattened Swede Hansen; Ted Dibiase won on disqualification over Bulldog Brower; Tito Santanna, Ivan Putski, and Chief Jay Strongbow downed Jimmy, Johnny, and Jerry Valiant; Great Hussain Arab scored over Dom DeNucci via count-out; Johnny Rivera pinned Moose Monroe; Larry Zbyszko whipped Johnny Rodz.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

(Correspondent Dave Cerullo) —

Jerry Lawler topped Bill Dundee in a steel cage match; Hector Guerrero, Koko Ware, and Steve Kyle upended Wayne Farris, Larry Latham, and Sgt. Davis; Sonny King and Rick Morton downed Buddy and Ken Wayne; Terry Gordy drew Steve Regal; Michael Hayes upset Jerry Barber.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

(Correspondent Dave Cerullo) —

Sgt. Jacques Goulet and Christ Markoff drew Buzz Sawyer and Rick Fields; Ernie Ladd trounced Marvin Turner; Sterlin Golden was too much for Mike Feber; Brett Hart stopped Jack Pour; Austin Idol bounced Gerald Finley.

BELLE, MISSOURI

(Correspondent Carlos Saez) —

The Avenger beat the Beast; Eddie Gilbert won via disq. over the Turk; Bob Brown whipped Rock Hunter; Frank Hill and Coconut Willie defeated Tom Sharp and Butch Cassidy.

DES MOINES, IOWA

(Correspondent Carlos Saez) —

Gama Singh drew Frank Hill; Tommy Sharpe turned back Bruce Reed; The Avenger overcame the Beast; The Assassin proved too much for George Wells; Bob

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Brown via disq. over Rock Hunter; Frank Hill wrestled again and topped the Turk.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

(Correspondent Earl Elder) —

Dick Murdock vs. Dory Funk Jr. ended in a double count-out; Kevin Von Erich upset Bob Duncum; David Von Erich, the Bruiser, and George Wells handled Lord Alfred Hayes, Bob Brown, and Ox Baker; Tom Andrews pressed Ron Starr; the Turk stopped Mike Huber; Rock Hunter and Frank Hill drew.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.

(Correspondent Ron Grau) —

Bob Backlund won via count-out over Greg Valentine, as did Pat Patterson over Ted DiBiase; Johnny Rodz upset Pete Sanchez; Larry Zbyszko pounced Moose Monroe; Jose Estrada downed Ben Ortiz.

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

(Correspondent Captain Lenny) —

Blackjack Mulligan defeated John Studd; Paul Jones won over Jay Young; Tim Woods was victorious against Brute Bernard; S.D. Jones and Johnny Weaver defeated Gene Anderson and Steve Mislin.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

(Correspondent Captain Lenny) —

Verne Gagne and Mad Dog Vachon were victorious over Super Destroyer and Mark 3. Greg Gagne won on a D.Q. over Adrien Adonnes; Dino Bravo beat Lord Al Hays; Paul Eller went to a no-contest against Butch Zum Hoff.

TAMPA, FLORIDA

(Correspondent Louis Edwards) —

Dusty Rhodes defeated Leroy Brown on a disqualification; The Super Destroyer won over Mike Graham; Manny Fernandez beat Mr. Hito; Jack and Jerry Brisco came out victorious against Stan Lewin and Brian St. John; Buggy McGraw beat Steve Keirn; And Don Serrano defeated Mr. Sahida.

SUNANGAWA, JAPAN

(Correspondent Lei Wong) —

Dusty Rhodes and Greg Valentine defeated Antonio Inoki and Osumo Kido; Tatsumi Fuginami won against Nicolai Volkoff; Pedro Morales beat Fugiwara; Pat Patterson won over Ricci Choshu.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

(Correspondent Dr. Novak) —

Jim Garvin beat Oki Shikina; Brian Blair and Herb Calvert defeated the team of Haystacks Calhoun and Scandor Ackbar on a D.Q.; Ron Starr beat Tom Pritchard; Ron Marlin won against Jim Casey; Ron Bass drew B. Billash.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (Correspondent Zachery Phil) —

Pat Patterson defeated Bob Backlund; Ivan Putski won an 18-man battle royal; Tito Santanna defeated Baron Scicluna; Hussain Arab beat Dom DeNucci; The Valiant Brothers defeated Johnny Rivera and Larry Zbyszko.

ASBURY PARK, N.J.

(Correspondent Joe Klenberg) —

Ivan Putski and Swede Hanson went to a draw; Ted DiBiase was defeated by Hussain Arab; Tito Santanna beat Gerry Valiant; Johnny Rodz won over Steve King and Davey O'Hannon went to a draw with Dom DeNucci.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

(Correspondent Captain Lenny) —

Bob Backlund pinned Swede Hanson. Tito Santanna and Ivan Putski captured the tag-team championship from the Valiant Brothers in two straight falls; Dusty Rhodes defeated Greg Valentine. Hussain Arab pinned Chief Jay Stronbow. Dom DeNucci beat Baron Scicluna.

WESCHESTER, NEW YORK —

(Correspondent Big Jerry) —

Ivan Putski defeated Big Bob Duncum on a d.q.; Tito Santanna and Ivan Putski were victorious against The Valiant Brothers; Jose Estrada fell victim to Johnny Rodz; Gerry Valiant wrestled to a draw with Dom DeNucci.

ALLENTOWN, PA.

(Correspondent Captain Lenny) —

Big Bob Duncum flattened Steve King; Ivan Putski and Tito Santanna beat the team of Johnny Rodz and Pat Patterson; Ken Patera destroyed Frank Williams; Dom DeNucci went to a no-contest against Hussain Arab; Incredible Hulk Hulan won over Steve King; The Samoans defeated Mike Masters and Johnny Rivera.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK —

(Correspondent J.J. Jose) —

"Polish Power" Ivan Putski and Tito Santanna defeated Victor Rivera and Swede Hanson; Bob Duncum was pinned by Bobby Backlund; Harley Race defeated Dusty Rhodes; Tatsumi Fuginami was victorious over Johnny Rivera; Antonio Inoki beat Hussain Arab.

NEW JERSEY —

(Correspondent Charlie N. Stanley) —

Tito Santanna defeated Jerry Valiant; Dom DeNucci drew Davey O'Hannon; Johnny Rodz upset Johnny Rivera; Swede Hanson defeated Chief Jay Strongbow; Bulldog Brower beat Steve King. □

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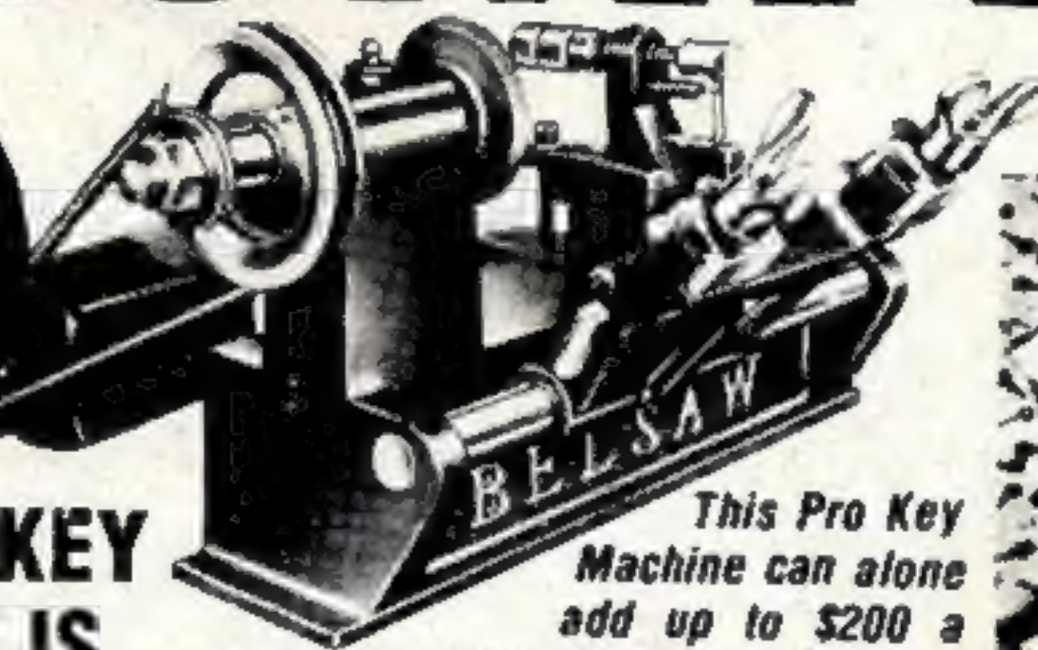
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